





**ANNUAL REPORT**  
OF THE  
**TOWN OFFICERS**  
OF THE  
**Town of Merrimac**

For the Year Ending December 31

**1946**



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## DIRECTORY OF TOWN OFFICERS 1946

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### ELECTED OFFICERS

#### Moderator

Clifford R. Howe

#### Selectmen

Kenneth E. Haskell      J. Arthur Ollis      Ralph L. Buzzell

#### Board of Public Welfare

Hazen M. Emery      Ellen M. Wallace      Harriett F. Bigelow

#### Assessors

Roscoe Child .....	Term Expires 1949
Clifford R. Howe .....	Term Expires 1948
George B. Crofut .....	Term Expires 1947

#### Town Clerk

C. Howard Phillips

#### Tax Collector

Wilfred G. Journey .....	Term Expires 1949
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#### Town Treasurer

Roy C. Journey

#### Municipal Light Commissioners

Dale W. Blackden .....	Term Expires 1949
Charles A. Lancaster .....	Term Expires 1948
Ulysses N. Corson .....	Term Expires 1947

#### Board of Water Commissioners

Dale W. Blackden .....	Term Expires 1949
Charles A. Lancaster .....	Term Expires 1948
Ulysses N. Corson .....	Term Expires 1947

#### School Committee

Phillip C. Means .....	Term Expires 1949
Annie L. Tucker .....	Term Expires 1948
Howard DeLong .....	Term Expires 1947

\*Willard T. Kelly appointed to fill out remainder of 1946

## MERRIMAC TOWN REPORT

**Trustees of Cemetery**

Cecil E. Welch .....	Term Expires 1949
E. Clifton Hargraves .....	Term Expires 1948
Charles A. Lancaster .....	Term Expires 1947

**Trustees of Public Library**

Alvin F. Heath .....	Term Expires 1949
Chester E. Whiting .....	Term Expires 1949
Abbie W. Sargent .....	Term Expires 1948
Grace F. Gibbs .....	Term Expires 1948
Ethel B. Whiting .....	Term Expires 1947
Barbara N. Adams .....	Term Expires 1947

**Trustees of Kimball Park**

Arthur D. Lockwood .....	Term Expires 1949
Herbert C. McIlvin .....	Term Expires 1948
John W. Kirkpatrick .....	Term Expires 1947

**Playground Commission**

George H. K. Nicol .....	Term Expires 1951
Leon L. Dow .....	Term Expires 1950
Howard W. Hall .....	Term Expires 1949
Edgar P. Sargent .....	Term Expires 1948
George D. Currier .....	Term Expires 1947

**Constables**

Leon L. Dow                      Edward J. O'Keefe                      Alden B. Morse

\*W. Phillip Gilmore Fill remainder 1946 (Morse resignation)

\*Francis J. Mathews Fill remainder 1946 (Gilmore resignation)

**Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark**

Ralph L. Buzzell      George R. Hoyt      George L. Sargent

**Tree Warden**

Samuel C. Doust

**CIVIL SERVICE TENURE**

Chief of Police Edward J. O'Keefe

**OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN**

**Night Watchman**

Alden B. Morse

\*W. Phillip Gilmore

\*\*Francis Mathews

**Special Police**

Clayton Turner	John P. Gilmore	Leon L. Dow
Almond Pickard	Roscoe Child	Clarence O. Libby
Rodney Fitzgerald	George W. Goldsmith	Louis B. Davis
John Hutchins	Harold M. Waterhouse	
William L. Andrews	Alexander M. Sullivan	
Fred A. Seymour	Ronald C. Sarasin	

**Sworn Weighers**

Ralph L. Buzzell	Benjamin F. Stewart	David W. Stewart
Charles A. Follansbee	Byron H. Sargent	
George L. Sargent	Mrs. A. Elizabeth Ryerson	
Mrs. Isabel C. Knight	Kenneth E. Haskell	

**Town Accountant**

W. Harold Whiting

**Fence Viewers**

Loren E. Wallace	E. Palmer Sargent
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**Public Health Nurse**

Mrs. Cecile C. Sargent

**Dog Officer**

Clifton V. Bixby

**Engineers of Fire Department**

Louis B. Davis	Harry E. Ryerson	Charles E. Bridges
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**Inspector of Milk, Slaughtering and Animals**

George R. Hoyt

**Inspector of Wires**

Ulysses N. Corson

\*Fill unexpired term Alden B. Morse

\*\*Fill unexpired term W. Phillip Gilmore

**MERRIMAC TOWN REPORT****Sealer of Weights and Measures**

Harold M. Waterhouse

**Moth Superintendent**

Samuel C. Doust

**Forest Fire Warden**

Louis B. Davis

**Burial Agent**

James Shiavoni

**Superintendent of Streets**

Joseph W. Bray

**Town Forest Committee**

James T. Colgan .....	Term Expires 1947
Samuel C. Doust .....	Term Expires 1948
Russell B. Kelly .....	Term Expires 1949

**Registrars of Voters**

George W. Berry

James P. Flynn

Burton C. Lafaver

C. Howard Phillips

**Janitor of Town Hall**

Guy Sheldon



### JURY LIST

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The following Jury List for the calendar year beginning July 1, 1946, was prepared by the Merrimac Selectmen in compliance with Chapter 234, Section 4, of the General Laws and adopted June 24, 1946.

Harold E. Anderson, Nichols St., Service Man.  
Lloyd W. Buzzell, East Main St., Bus Mechanic.  
Theodore R. Chase, Church St., Supt. Wood Heel.  
Ulysses N. Corson, West Main St., Service Foreman.  
George D. Currier, Prospect Hill, Leather Sorter.  
Frederick E. Gibbs, Locust St., Shoe Cutter.  
Ralph K. Hawkes, Green St., Bus Operator.  
John H. Hughes, School St., Bus Mechanic.  
John W. Kirkpatrick, Church St., Bus Mechanic.  
Burton C. Lafaver, Lincoln St., Salesman.  
Charles E. Morse, Church St., Retired  
Almon E. Pickard, East Main St., Radio Repairer.  
Lincoln M. Ross, Birch Meadow Road, Shoe Worker.  
Glen I. Blackden, Green St., Carpenter.  
George E. Smith, Broad St., (Port) Shoe Worker.  
George W. Smith, East Main St., Last Remodeler.  
Arthur G. Trefethen, Walnut St., Painter.  
Charles J. Vincent, Currier Ave., Navy Yard.  
Loren H. Wallace, Prospect St., Grocer.  
Elbert E. McConnell, Summer St., Mechanic.  
Irving M. Manning, Locust Grove Ave., Mechanic.  
Chester A. Carter, Pleasant St. (Port), Laborer.  
Charles E. Sullivan, East Main St., Electrical Worker.  
Leigh P. Allen, No. 38 Mill St., Defense Worker.  
Forrest A. Morse, No. 50 West Main St., Machinist.  
Carl M. Ordway, Church St., Machinist.  
E. Palmer Sargent, Bear Hill Road, Engineer.  
John S. Pease, Locust Grove Ave., Mechanic.

## *In Memoriam*

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**JAMES S. SCHIAVONI**

**1887 - 1946**

Veteran of World War I and II.

U. S. Navy,—1903 - 1932, Active Duty.

U. S. Navy,—1932 - 1941, Recruiting Officer.

U. S. Navy,—1941 - 1945, Active Duty.

Service Medals,—Victory, Mexican, Dominican, Haitian,  
four Good Conduct Medals, New York State World  
War I Medal.

Insignia, eight knot badge.

Resident of Merrimac, Mass., 25 years.

Merrimac Veteran Burial Agent 1934 - 1946.

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**FRED C. TWOMBLY**

**1879 - 1946**

Tax Collector of Merrimac, 1933 - 1942

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The seventy-first annual report of the Town of Merrimac is herewith presented for your consideration in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 49, of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

The Board of Selectmen organized for the year as follows:

Chairman .....	Kenneth E. Haskell
Clerk .....	J. Arthur Ollis
Other Member .....	Ralph L. Buzzell

The Board also organized with the same officers as a Board of Health and Soldiers Relief Commission. W. Harold Whiting was designated as Agent of the Board of Health.

We have again finished a year with no outstanding debt of any kind, and show on our books a substantial cash balance.

We feel that there are a few necessary replacements that should be made as regards equipment and these will be taken care of with special articles at the annual town meeting.

We wish to thank the Department of Corporations and Taxation, and the Bureau of Accounts for their help and advice this past year and also to express our appreciation to W. Harold Whiting who has not only performed his own duties efficiently but has been very co-operative and helpful in all ways, we also wish to thank departmental heads for their assistance during the past year.

## MERRIMAC TOWN REPORT

All the financial transactions of this Board will be found in the report of the Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH E. HASKELL,

J. ARTHUR OLLIS,

RALPH L. BUZZELL,

Board of Selectmen.

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**REPORT OF THE MERRIMAC  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

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To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The members elected to the Board of Public Welfare organized as follows:

Chairman ..... Hazen M. Emery  
Clerk ..... Ellen M. Wallace  
Member ..... Harriett F. Bigelow

This year we have been able not to exceed our appropriation and have a small transfer of \$500.00 allowable. However, with the increase of number of recipients during the latter part of the year it appears that additional funds will have to be raised in 1947.

The Aid to Dependent Children expenses for the year 1947 will in our estimation be about the same and we feel that we should be able to stay within the same appropriation.

We feel that perhaps during another year that there should not be too much of an increase in the case load and that we shall be able to meet state requirements without too much of an increase.

We wish to thank Federal, State and local departments for help received during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEN M. EMERY,

ELLEN M. WALLACE,

HARRIETT F. BIGELOW,

Board of Public Welfare.

**REPORT OF MERRIMAC BUREAU  
OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE**

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To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Old Age Assistance Bureau for the year 1946 organized as follows:

Chairman .....	Hazen M. Emery
Clerk .....	Harriett F. Bigelow
Member .....	Ellen M. Wallace

During the past year the board has handled the following number of cases—

Active cases Jan. 1, 1946 .....	94
New cases added during the year .....	14
Cases closed during the year .....	14
Active cases Dec. 31, 1946 .....	94

The account of the expenses and receipts will be shown in detail in the Town Accountant's report.

Due to the increase in the cost of living and the subsequent raise in the State Budget for Old Age recipients with mandatory minimum budgets it will be necessary to ask for a considerable increase in this year's budget. This increase went into effect last October and was taken care of by transfers at the special meeting held in the Fall. This year as we will have to raise for a full year period it appears that the Board will have to ask for \$40,000.00 to meet state and federal requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEN M. EMERY,  
HARRIETT F. BIGELOW,  
ELLEN M. WALLACE,

Merrimac Bureau of Old Age Assistance.



### APPROPRIATIONS MADE IN 1946

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Gentlemen:

I submit the following list of appropriations made at the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Merrimac, for the year 1946, held on March 4, 1946:

Moderator, (Salary) .....	\$ 12.00
Selectmen, Chairman, (Salary) .....	450.00
Selectmen, Clerk, (Salary) .....	125.00
Selectmen, Other Member (Salary) .....	100.00
Selectmen's Departmental Expenses .....	400.00
Board of Public Welfare, Chairman, (Salary) .....	200.00
Board of Public Welfare, Clerk, (Salary) .....	200.00
Board of Public Welfare, Other Member, (Salary) .....	100.00
Town Accountant, (Salary) .....	2,080.00
Town Accountant, (Expenses) .....	125.00
Treasurer, (Salary) .....	500.00
Treasurer, (Expenses) .....	700.00
Tax Collector, (Salary) .....	875.00
Tax Collector, (Expenses) .....	500.00
Assessors, Chairman, (Salary) .....	360.00
Assessors, other two members at \$220.00 each .....	440.00
Assessors, (Expenses) .....	425.00
Town Clerk, (Salary) .....	225.00
Town Clerk, (Expenses) .....	100.00
Registrars of Voters, Clerk, (Salary) .....	100.00
Registrars of Voters, other three members at \$50.00 each .....	150.00
Town Hall Maintenance, Janitor of Town Of- fices, (Salary) .....	240.00
Town Hall, Maintenance of Hall .....	1,200.00
Town Hall, Repairs .....	100.00
Bonding Town Officers .....	315.00
Election Officers .....	220.00
Police .....	4,500.00

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Fire Engineers,, Chief, (Salary)	150.00
Fire Engineers, Clerk, (Salary)	125.00
Fire Engineers, Other Member, (Salary)	100.00
Fire Department	3,500.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures, (Salary)	100.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures, (Expenses)	15.00
Inspector of Wiring, (Salary)	90.00
Inspector of Wiring, (Expenses)	5.00
Dog Officer, (to cover fees)	150.00
Moth Department	1,025.00
Tree Warden	500.00
Town Forest	400.00
Forest Fire Warden	150.00
Board of Health	1,250.00
Health Nurse and Expenses	1,200.00
Inspector of Animals, (Salary)	100.00
Inspector of Animals, (Expenses)	5.00
Inspector of Slaughtering, (Salary)	20.00
Inspector of Slaughtering, (Expenses)	5.00
Inspector of Milk, (Salary)	20.00
Inspector of Milk, (Expenses)	5.00
Essex County T. B. Hospital	711.33
Snow and Washouts	6,500.00
Sidewalks, Railings and Bridges	100.00
Rocks Bridge	625.00
Street Lights	4,306.77
State Aid	120.00
Public Welfare	5,000.00
Soldiers' Relief	3,600.00
Aid to Dependent Children	5,000.00
Old Age Assistance	28,000.00
School Committee, Chairman, (Salary)	50.00
School Committee, Clerk, (Salary)	75.00
School Committee, Other Member, (Salary)	50.00
School Department	36,650.00
Public Library	1,000.00
Memorial Day	170.00
Vocational Aid	500.00
Lighting Town Buildings	358.88
Insurance	2,300.00

Reserve Fund .....	500.00
Interest .....	500.00
Cemeteries .....	2,000.00
Vital Statistics .....	90.00
Water in Town Buildings .....	298.05
Printing Town Reports .....	291.06
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	\$122,453.69
Playground, Article No. 7 .....	200.00
Playground, baseball diamond at Locust Street....	
—Article No. 9 .....	3,500.00
building, draining and grading.	
Highway work, (Thickly settled streets) Article	
No. 17 .....	500.00
Repairs for Tax Title possessions, Article No. 15	100.00
Registrars of Voters, (Expenses, Chap. 427 and	
440), Article No. 18 .....	250.00
Legal Suits, (Expenses), Article No. 21 .....	200.00
Chapter 90, Highway, Article No. 22 .....	1,500.00
Town Hall Repairs, Article No. 23 .....	150.00
Chapter 81 and Highway, Article No. 25 .....	5,300.00
Fire Alarm Box, Article No. 26 .....	220.00
Oiling West Shore Road, toward Lake Attitash,	
Article No. 27 .....	500.00
Central Fire Station, to cover outside walls and	
paint trim, Article No. 28 .....	900.00
Fire Hose, Article No. 29 .....	575.00
Veterans of World War II, homecoming testi-	
monial and celebration, Article No. 30 .....	1,500.00
Water Service Extension on Westminster Road,	
Article No. 32 .....	5,200.00
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Total .....	\$143,048.69

C. HOWARD PHILLIPS,

Town Clerk.



## REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:  
Gentlemen:

As Chief of the Police Department of the Town of Merrimac, I hereby submit the annual report of the Department for the year 1946.

There were 40 automobile accidents reported, in which 28 persons were injured, 6 were pedestrians, 3 motorcycle accidents in which 2 were killed and 2 injured.

### Miscellaneous Business

Assistance to other Police Departments .....	21
Assistance to Medical Examiner .....	3
Complaints investigated .....	232
Doors and windows found open and secured ....	16
Dead bodies found .....	1
Days at District Court (Chief) .....	33
Days at Superior Court (Chief) .....	5
Days at Probate Court (Chief) .....	1
Days at District Court (Patrolman) .....	3
Days at District Court (Special Officers) .....	16
Days at Superior Court (Special Officers) .....	2
Days at Probate Court (Patrolman) .....	1
Days at Grand Jury (Chief) .....	1
Disturbance suppressed without arrest .....	9
Defects in Streets reported .....	4
Escorts furnished processions .....	1
Headlight and brake inspections held .....	4
Injured and sick persons assisted .....	18
Lights furnished dangerous places .....	3
Lost and runaway children returned to parents .....	9
Messages delivered .....	40
Number of assignments of Officers .....	288
Stray animals returned to owners .....	3

Value of property stolen .....	\$ 467.00
Value of property recovered .....	322.00
Lights burning in buildings, reported to owners .....	7

### Number of Arrests for the Year

Male .....	114
Female .....	5
Total .....	119

Resident .....	48
Non-resident .....	71

### Charged as Follows

Assault and Battery .....	4
Disturbance of the Peace .....	1
Drunk .....	39
Delinquent Children .....	5
Escaped Military Prisoner .....	1
Ringing false alarm .....	2
Larceny .....	2
Lewdness .....	1
Illegitimacy .....	2
Insane .....	1
Non-support .....	4
Malicious mischief .....	1
Violation City Ordinance .....	5
Violation Motor Vehicle Law .....	44
Violation of Probation .....	5
Vagrancy .....	2

### Disposed of as Follows

2 Continued.	
32 Released.	
4 Guilty, Filed.	
11 Probation.	
26 For other departments.	

- 4 Committed to institutions for indefinite periods.
- 3 Received sentences to the House of Correction.
- 1 To the Provost Marshal.
- 1 Fined \$35, Appealed.
- 1 Fined \$25, Appealed.
- 34 Fined a total of \$960.00.

I thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, His Honor Judge Pettingell, the Associate Justices, Clerk of the District Court, the Probation Officer, the Officers of the Department, and the Citizens of the Town for their kindly co-operation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. O'KEEFE,  
Chief of Police.

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## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac.

The following is my report for the year 1946:

	Adjusted	Sealed
Platform over 5,000 lbs. ....		1
Platform 100-5,000 lbs. ....1		6
Counter 100 lbs. or over .....1		1
Counter under 100 lbs. ....		6
Beam 100 lbs. or over .....1		1
Beam under 100 lbs. ....		1
Spring 100 lbs. or over .....1		3
Spring under 100 lbs .....2		12
Computing under 100 lbs. ....1		13
Personal weighing .....1		1
Prescription .....1		1
Avoirdupois .....8		8
Apothecary .....2		2
Metric .....6		6



Gasoline measuring pumps .....	20
Gasoline measuring meters .....	4
Oil measuring pumps .....	1
Yard Sticks .....	3
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Fees collected and turned over to  
Town Treasurer, \$28.03.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. WATERHOUSE,  
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

### 1946 MERRIMAC FIRE ALARM

Emergency fire alarm telephone number 2211.

Emergency phone 2211 should be used for fire calls only. If for any reason line is out of order, dial operator and ask for EMERGENCY OPERATOR.

In all cases give your name and location of fire.

- 3-3 Chief's Call.
- 4 Mass., N. E. Bus Garage, East Main St.
- 5 Merrimac Square.
- 12 Locust St., opposite Green St.
- 13 J. B. Judkins Co., Main St.
- 14 Main St., near residence of William H. Franklin.
- 15 Birch Meadow Rd., and Main St., to Merrimac-Haverhill line.
- 16 Woodland and Grove Sts.
- 17 School and Pleasant Sts.
- 18 School and Mill Sts.
- 21 East Main St., Bear Hill Rd., to Merrimac-Amesbury line.
- 23 East Main St., near store of Leo Noone.
- 24 Church St., opposite Maple St.

- 25 Liberty and Mechanic Sts.
- 26 Summer and Prospect Sts.
- 27 Church St., near residence of Charles H. Staples.
- 28 Sawyer and Nichols Sts.
- 31 Pleasant St., Merrimacport.
- 32 Merrimac St., near residence of George H. Whitcomb.
- 34 Merrimac St., Merrimacport.
- 35 High St., near William S. Tuckwell Foundry.
- 36 Merrimac and Broad Sts., Merrimacport.
- 41 Lake Attitash Park.
- 51 Locust and Walnut Sts.
- 52 Lower Locust St., Haverhill-Merrimac line.
- 62 Birch Meadow Rd. and Hadley District.  
Telephone No Box.
- 71 Bear Hill Rd., Newton, N. H., line.  
Telephone No Box.
- 72 West Shore Lake Attitash.
- 2 Recall—all out—also All Clear Air Raid.

### No School Signals

7:15 A. M. 11-11-long pause-1. No school in grades only.  
 7:15 A. M. 11-11-11. No school in High and Grade Schools.  
 11:20 A. M. Same signals. One session. ....  
 12:30 P. M. Same signals. No school in afternoon.  
 Police Call 1-1-1.  
 Boy Scouts—10 Blasts.

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## REPORT OF BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

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Merrimac, Mass., Jan. 20, 1947.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Board of Fire Engineers submit for the year ending December 31, 1946.

Number of alarms .....	59
Fire loss .....	\$ 29,036.00

We recommend that the sum of \$3,700.00 be appropriated for the salaries and general maintenance of the department.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS B. DAVIS,  
CHARLES E. BRIDGES,  
HARRY E. RYERSON,

Board of Engineers.

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### PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE'S REPORT FOR 1946

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Public Health Nurse's report for the year 1946—through to Nov. 1, is as follows:

	Cases	Visits
Accident .....	1	1
Hardening of Arteries .....	1	54
Care of new born babies .....	1	7
Intestinal obstruction .....	1	3
Influenza .....	1	5
Muscular distortion .....	1	56
Shock .....	4	79
Varicose veins .....	2	6
Prostate .....	1	32
Fractured Femur .....	1	14
Malnutrition .....	1	2
Questionable Carcenoma .....	1	4
Colostomy .....	1	9
Leg Ulcers .....	1	22
Neurotic .....	1	5
Carcenoma .....	1	98
Fractured hip .....	1	15
Rectal abscess .....	1	8
Old Age .....	3	145
Maternity (Del.) .....	1	2



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Lung abscess .....	1	10
Gall Bladder .....	1	4
Special Calls .....	1	20

To the best of my ability I have investigated and reported all T. B. cases and taken one patient to Middleton Sanitarium. I have investigated and reported communicable diseases.

I am very grateful to be able to turn the position of Health Nurse over to one who has more time and less home obligations.

Respectfully submitted,

CECILE C. SARGENT, R. N.

### November and December Report of Health Nurse

Old Age .....	1	16
Fractured hip .....	1	12
Cystitis .....	1	35
Heart Disease .....	1	2
Intestinal Obstruction .....	1	3
New born babies .....	2	17
Strep. throat .....	2	3
Shock .....	1	24

ALLINE S. PUTNEY, R. N.

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### REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF MILK, ANIMALS, AND SLAUGHTERING

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I have made the following calls and inspections, and issued the following licenses for the year 1946.

Licenses for the sale of oleomargarine .....	5
Store licenses for the sale of milk and cream .....	5
Vehicle licenses for the sale of milk and cream .....	11

A total of 21 licenses at .50, \$10.50 collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Number of barns inspected .....	28
Number of cattle inspected .....	220
Number of swine inspected .....	17
Number of horses inspected .....	15
Number of goats inspected .....	31
Inspection of slaughtering .....	hogs 3, calves 2
Inspections for the State Division of Livestock Disease	
Control to check on new arrivals of dairy cattle	
from outside the State .....	
Animals quarantined .....	None

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. HOYT,

Inspector of Milk, Animals, and Slaughtering.

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## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

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We hereby submit the report in the department during the year of 1946.

We have had the same trouble the past year to keep the cemeteries in good condition on account of not being able to find reliable help, and the large expense of taking care of private lots of which there are over one hundred and twenty.

We are obliged to pay for the care of these lots out of our appropriation amounting to around three hundred and seventy-five dollars and the parties who own the lots pay the money back to the Town, so that we are that much short for the use of money for the cemeteries.

We also are obliged to pay for digging graves which amounts to several hundred dollars. The Town collects for this, but the expense of the work is deducted from our appropriation.

The roads in Locust Grove cemetery have had very little care since the beginning of the war and three of the roads up the hill are in very bad condition, so that we would advise at least three or four hundred dollars of our appropriation this year be used for the roads.

Therefore we are asking for an appropriation of twenty-five hundred dollars which we hope will keep the cemeteries in proper condition.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. HARGRAVES,  
CECILE WELCH,  
C. A. LANCASTER,

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## REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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To the Citizens of Merrimac:

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year 1946:

### Recapitulation

Town Appropriations .....	\$202,631.26
Overlay Deficit .....	1,240.01
State Tax .....	1,550.00
State Parks and Reservations .....	83.34
State Audit Tax .....	791.20
County Tax .....	3,696.52
T. B. Hospital .....	711.93
Overlay for 1946 .....	3,123.55
	<hr/> \$213,828.31

### Estimated Receipts

Income Tax .....	\$ 7,747.38
Corporation Tax .....	4,883.35
Gasoline Tax .....	2,757.40
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax .....	3,816.63



Licenses .....	1,304.00	
Fines .....	97.50	
General Government .....	1,124.00	
Protection of Persons and Property .....	20.30	
Health and Sanitation .....	211.50	
Charities .....	2,508.25	
Old Age Assistance .....	20,024.69	
Old Age Tax (Meals) .....	1,405.00	
Schools .....	4,993.98	
Library .....	121.90	
Cemeteries .....	634.80	
Interest on Taxes .....	885.85	
Excess Receipts .....	2,500.00	
Available Funds .....	73,682.27	
		<hr/> \$128,718.80
Net Amount to be Raised .....		\$ 85,109.51
Poll Taxes .....	\$ 1,622.00	
Personal Property .....	5,528.14	
Real Estate .....	77,259.37	
		<hr/> \$ 85,109.51

### Table of Aggregates

Value of Real Estate .....	\$ 1,658,710.00
Value of Personal Property .....	117,120.00
Value of Automobiles .....	200,770.00
Number of Automobiles .....	874
Number of Horses .....	35
Number of Cows .....	208
Number of other meat cattle .....	82
Number of fowl .....	8830
Number of acres of land .....	4840
Number of houses .....	761

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. CROFUT,  
CLIFFORD R. HOWE,  
ROSCOE CHILD,

Board of Assessors.

**REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

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January 18, 1947

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Merrimac, Mass.

Gentlemen: .....

As Town Clerk of the Town of Merrimac, I hereby  
submit my annual report for the year 1946:

**Births**

Number of Births Recorded .....	45
Males .....	21
Females .....	24
Father, Native Born .....	41
Mother, Native Born .....	42
Father and Mother, both Native Born .....	38
Father and Mother, both Foreign Born .....	1
Mixed Parentage .....	5

**Marriages**

Number of Marriages Recorded .....	64
First Marriage of Groom .....	53
First Marriage of Bride .....	51
Grooms, Native Born .....	63
Brides, Native Born .....	63
Grooms, Foreign Born .....	1
Brides, Foreign Born .....	1
Average Age of Groom .....	26 years, 10 months, 15 days
Average Age of Bride .....	24 years, 9 months, 11 days

**Deaths**

Number of Deaths Recorded .....	16
Males .....	11

Females .....	5
Under 5 years .....	0
Males, Native Born .....	5
Females, Native Born .....	5
Males, Foreign Born .....	6
Females, Foreign Born .....	0
Of Native Parentage .....	5
Of Mixed Parentage .....	3
Average Age .....	70 years, 4 months, 16 days
Oldest Person .....	95 years, 7 months, 29 days

### Licenses

Number of Dogs Licensed .....	183
Males .....	162
Females .....	21
Kennel Licenses .....	2
Sporting Licenses Issued .....	230
Minors Sporting Licenses Issued .....	45

Respectfully submitted,

C. HOWARD PHILLIPS,

Town Clerk.

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### REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

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To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The balances, receipts and disbursements for the year 1946 were as follows:

Balance January 1, 1946 .....	\$ 74,447.15
Receipts to January 1, 1947 .....	263,571.43
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	\$338,018.58
Payments on Warrants .....	\$293,520.09
Balance January 1. 1947 .....	44,498.49
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	\$338,018.58

Respectfully submitted,

ROY C. JOURNEY,

Town Treasurer.



**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD**

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The Municipal Light Board herein submit their forty-third Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1946.

Ten services have been added during the year making a total of 1,005 lighting services and 14 power services, now installed.

**Estimate of Expense**

Gross Expense of Operating .....	\$ 39,000.00
Depreciation ( 3 % on \$83,448.50) .....	2,503.46
Total .....	\$ 41,503.46

**Estimated Income**

From Private Consumers .....	\$ 42,000.00
From Municipal Buildings .....	478.65
From Street Lights ....	4,383.76
Total .....	\$ 46,862.41

**Cost of Construction**

Substation Equipment .....	\$ 650.00
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Con- ductors .....	46,950.50
Meters .....	9,274.76
Transformers .....	18,507.48
Street Lighting Equipment .....	5,326.18
Transportation Equipment .....	2,739.58
Total .....	\$83,448.50

**Expended for Construction**

Construction and Materials .....	\$ 11,295.44
Transportation Equipment .....	000.00
Meters .....	698.76
Line Transformers .....	199.32
Total .....	\$ 12,193.52

**Expended for Operating Expenses**

Electric Energy Purchased .....	\$ 23,697.12
Station Wages .....	646.20
Station Expenses .....	350.00
Meter and Transformer Operation .....	363.25
Maintenance of Transmission and Dist. Lines .....	4,231.28
Operation and Maintenance of Street Lights .....	347.47
Commercial Salaries and Expense .....	630.30
Salaries of Municipal Light Board and Mgr. ....	1,563.88
Office Salary .....	1,245.00
General Office Supplies and Expense .....	768.05
Insurance .....	278.35
Transportation Expense .....	404.22
Miscellaneous Expense .....	83.50
Total .....	<hr/> \$ 34,608.62
Total Expended for Construction and Maint. .....	\$ 46,802.14
To Depreciation Fund .....	\$ 470.00
Consumers' Deposits Returned .....	175.00
Returned To Town .....	4,665.65
Total .....	<hr/> \$ 5,310.65
Grand Total .....	<hr/> \$ 52,112.79

**Balance Sheet**

Construction and Operating Fund, January 1, 1946 .....	\$ 4,875.14
Consumers' Deposit Fund, January 1, 1946 .....	818.65
Depreciation Fund, January 1, 1946 .....	31,311.74
Received from Light and Power Sales .....	40,984.76
Received from Miscellaneous Sales .....	1,719.81
Received from Town Appropriations .....	4,665.65
Interest Income .....	611.65
Consumer's Deposits .....	145.00
Total .....	<hr/> \$ 85,132.40

Construction, Materials and Renew- als .....	12,193.52
Maintenance and Operating Ex- penses .....	34,608.62
Consumers' Deposits Returned .....	175.00
Returned to Town .....	4,665.65
Depreciation Fund, January 1, 1947	22,393.39
Construction and Operating Fund, January 1, 1947 .....	10,307.57
Consumers' Deposit Fund, January 1, 1947 .....	788.65
Total .....	\$ 85,132.40

CHAS. A. LANCASTER,  
 ULYSSES N. CORSON,  
 DALE W. BLACKDEN,  
 The Municipal Light Board.

## REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Jan. 18th, 1947

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Report of the Town Forest Committee for the year  
 ending Dec. 31, 1946.

For mowing out Fire Lanes .....	\$ 115.80
To Ralph Buzzell for tile and filling .....	122.00
To trimming and clearing Pine .....	103.60
Labor for constructing culvert .....	61.60
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	\$ 403.00

A large proportion of our appropriation was used in  
 building a substantial culvert over one of our main roads,  
 and will last many years. We have had cut 7,000 feet of  
 logs and have returned to Town \$75.00.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. COLGAN,  
 SAMUEL C. DOUST,  
 RUSSELL B. KELLY,



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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The Board of Water Commissioners herein submit their forty-third Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1946.

Three services were installed during the year, making a total of 693 active services.

### Estimates for the Ensuing Year

Gross Expense of Operating .....	\$ 11,000.00
Construction .....	1,500.00
Total .....	—————\$ 12,500.00

### Estimated Income

Water Rates .....	\$ 13,000.00
Miscellaneous Income .....	1,000.00
Total .....	—————\$ 14,000.00

### Expended for Maintenance

Maintenance and Repairs .....	\$ 2,979.23
Power and Fuel .....	3,653.15
Station Supplies and Expense .....	7.94
Station Wages .....	1,305.60
Salaries of Supt. and Commissioners .....	1,045.44
Office Salary .....	991.00
Office Expense .....	385.07
Truck Expense .....	154.35
Insurance .....	113.56
Miscellaneous .....	24.00
Total Expended for Maintenance .....	—————\$ 10,659.34

**Monthly Pumping Report**

	Gallons Pumped	Hours Pumped
January .....	8,900,000	238
February .....	8,270,000	221
March .....	8,980,000	240
April .....	9,100,000	243
May .....	9,660,000	248
June .....	10,700,000	285
July .....	13,350,000	357
August .....	9,620,000	257
September .....	9,170,000	245
October .....	8,770,000	235
November .....	8,200,000	226
December .....	7,610,000	214

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Total Gallons Pumped .....112,330,000

**Balance Sheet**

General Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 1946 \$	6,665.69
Water Rates Collected .....	11,534.53
Miscellaneous Income .....	833.09
Total .....	<hr/> \$ 19,033.31
Expended for Construction and Maintenance .....	\$ 10,659.34
Expended for Office Equipment .....	592.38
General Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 1947 \$	7,781.59
Total .....	<hr/> \$ 19,033.31

CHAS. A. LANCASTER,  
 ULYSSES N. CORSON,  
 DALE W. BLACKDEN,  
 Board of Water Commissioners.

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF KIMBALL PARK

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To the Citizens and Selectmen of the Town of Merrimac:

As Trustees of Kimball Park, we submit the following report:

### Active Account

Received:

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1946 .....	none	
From Weed Fund .....	\$	52.69
From Kimball Fund .....		20.00
	\$	72.69

Expended:

Labor and care of grounds ....	\$	72.69
	\$	72.69

### Trust Funds

Balance Weed Fund Jan. 1, 1946 .....	\$	2,031.93
Balance Kimball Fund Jan. 1, 1946 .....		1,021.02
Interest Weed Fund 1946 .....		40.83
Interest Kimball Fund 1946 .....		20.52
	\$	3,114.30

Withdrawn from Weed Fund .....	\$	52.69
Withdrawn from Kimball Fund .....		20.00
Balance Weed Fund Jan. 1, 1947 .....		2,020.07
Balance Kimball Fund Jan. 1, 1947 .....		1,021.54
	\$	3,114.30

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT C. McILVIN  
ARTHUR D. LOCKWOOD,  
JOHN W. KIRKPATRICK,  
Trustees of Kimball Park.



**REPORT OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMISSION****For the Year 1946**

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To the Citizens and Selectmen of the Town of Merrimac:

We, the Playground Commissioners, submit the following report for the year 1946.

During the year we held a great many meetings in order to take care of the various activities of our committee. An Engineer was hired to survey and relocate the Baseball Diamond area, who drew up the specifications which were in turn given to the Contractor, under whose supervision the diamond was surface drained, graded and seeded. Base paths and foul lines will be located in the Spring of 1947.

The original plans for the baseball diamond called for the outlay of \$5,000 and with recent price increases we estimate it would have cost over \$6,000. But after much consideration we hired a competent engineer and contractor and we are pleased to report that we can complete the diamond with the 1946 appropriation of \$3,500.

During 1946 the playground equipment was set up and used by the young people of the town. A baseball scoreboard was erected, and lumber purchased for benches, which were set up by members of the baseball team. Repairs on the diamond were made during the Summer to keep it in usable condition, and the back-stop was relocated.

In the Warrant for 1947, we are asking for money with which to purchase a power lawn mower, with which to keep the diamond in good playing condition. We have been given a building in which to house playground equipment, which must be moved to the field and given necessary repairs. The appropriation asked for will cover these

items and the necessary funds for addition and repairs to the back-stop; also general maintenance of our playground, which we trust will be given your prompt approval.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. K. NICOL,

GEORGE D. CURRIER,

LEON L. DOW,

EDGAR P. SARGENT,

Playground Commission

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

January 27, 1947

Town of Merrimac

Merrimac, Mass.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac.

I hereby submit my report for the year 1946.

Inspection of Entrance Changes .....	20
Factory Inspection .....	52
Resident Inspection .....	90
New Service Inspection .....	50
Motor Inspection .....	6
Assisting Light Dept. Mgr. ....	6
Gas Station Inspection .....	3
Wiring Found Defective .....	10
Out Door Signs .....	2
Oil Burner Inspection .....	12

I wish to thank the Municipal Light Board, Mr. Louis Davis, its Manager, also the Citizens of the Town for their cooperation.

ULYSSES N. CORSON,

Inspector of Wires.

**REPORT OF DOG OFFICER**

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To the Board of Selectmen, Town of Merrimac:

I hereby report that I have caught, confined and disposed of the following dogs:

**Males**

Mar. 23, 1946 .....	\$	4.00
Apr. 1, 1946 .....		4.00
May 6, 1946 .....		4.00
May 13, 1946 .....		4.00
June 10, 1946 .....		4.00
August 12, 1946 .....		4.00
August 26, 1946 .....		4.00
Sept. 3, 1946 .....		4.00
Oct. 7, 1946 .....		4.00

**Females**

Mar. 23, 1946 .....	\$	4.00
Mar. 23, 1946 .....		4.00
Apr. 1, 1946 .....		4.00
Apr. 1, 1946 .....		4.00
Apr. 8, 1946 .....		4.00
Apr. 8, 1946 .....		4.00
Apr. 15, 1946 .....		4.00
Apr. 15, 1946 .....		4.00
Apr. 22, 1946 .....		4.00
Apr. 22, 1946 .....		4.00
Apr. 29, 1946 .....		4.00
May 6, 1946 .....		4.00
May 13, 1946 .....		4.00
May 20, 1946 .....		4.00
May 20, 1946 .....		4.00
May 27, 1946 .....		4.00
May 27, 1946 .....		4.00



June 10, 1946 .....	4.00
June 17, 1946 .....	4.00
June 17, 1946 .....	4.00
June 24, 1946 .....	4.00
June 24, 1946 .....	1.00
July 22, 1946 .....	4.00
July 22, 1946 .....	4.00
Aug. 5, 1946 .....	4.00
Aug. 12, 1946 .....	4.00
Aug. 26, 1946 .....	4.00
Aug. 26, 1946 .....	4.00
Nov. 12, 1946 .....	4.00

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\$ 149.00

I have returned seven dogs to their owners and I have found homes for three dogs.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON V. BIXBY,

Dog Officer.

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### REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

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To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Trustees of the Merrimac Public Library present their seventieth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1946.

The total number of volumes borrowed during the year was 11,136, of which 1,470 was non-fiction, and 1,239 juvenile.

The monthly deliveries were as follows:

January .....	956	July .....	840
February .....	1070	August .....	836
March .....	1208	September .....	1166
April .....	1018	October .....	1106
May .....	1159	November .....	1017
June .....	1107	December .....	795

The fines collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer amounted to \$112.03.

To avoid repetition, the financial report will be included in the Town Accountant's report.

A total of 219 volumes and two magazines were added to the Library during the year, 183 by purchase and 36 by gifts, and your Trustees wish to thank the following donors:

Rep. Colin Cameron .....	1
Chrysler Corporation .....	1
Russell A Heath .....	1
Mrs. John B. Judkins .....	6
P. C. Means, M. D. ....	6
Pennsylvania R. R. ....	1
Town of Rowley .....	1
Est. of Mary Sawyer .....	1
Second Advent Church, Amesbury .....	6
Mrs. Stuart Sloan .....	1
South Bend Lathe Works .....	1
Commonwealth of Massachusetts .....	8
Gov. Maurice J. Tobin .....	1
Mrs. George Walker .....	1
Magazines: .....	1
Mrs. Clement Lockwood .....	1
Miss Susanna I. Sayre .....	1

During the year, your Trustees received a gift of \$10.00 from Mrs. Stephen L. Kelly for the purchase of books, in memory of Miss Annie A. Kelly, a former Drawing teacher in our public schools, and a Library Trustee for three years.

Your Trustees recommend that the sum of \$1,200.00 be appropriated for the year 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN F. HEATH,  
 ABBIE W. SARGENT,  
 GRACE F. GIBBS,  
 BARBARA N. ADAMS,  
 CHESTER E. WHITING,  
 ETHEL B. WHITING,

## REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby present the Annual Report of the Town Accountant in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 60, of the General Laws. I have also presented all such financial transactions as may be of general interest.

At this time I wish to express my appreciation for the co-operation and assistance which has been rendered by you and all of the other Town Officials during the past year in complying with the requirements of our system.

Respectfully submitted,

W. HAROLD WHITING,  
Town Accountant.

### Receipts—General

#### Taxes:

##### Current Year—

Poll, Personal and Real Estate .....\$ 72,180.12

##### Previous Years—

Poll, Personal and Real Estate 1945 9,093.91

Poll, Personal and Real Estate 1944 2,431.65

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89'90L'88 \$

#### From Commonwealth:

##### Special State Taxes—

Income Tax .....\$ 10,750.50

Corporation Tax ..... 5,839.99

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\$ 16,590.49

Total from Taxes ..... \$100,296.17



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## Licenses and Permits:

Licenses and Permits	\$	232.00	
		<u>          </u>	\$ 232.00

## Fines and Forfeits:

Fines	\$	143.40	
		<u>          </u>	\$ 143.40

## Grants and Gifts:

Mass. School Fund	\$	3,356.99	
County Treasurer, Dogs		239.09	
		<u>          </u>	\$ 3,596.08

Total from Licenses, Permits, Fines and Forfeits and Grants and Gifts and Taxes			\$104,267.65
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## Special Assessments:

Moth 1945	\$	7.60	
Moth 1944		.98	
		<u>          </u>	\$ 8.58

## Privileges:

Excise 1946	\$	4,755.95	
Excise 1945		101.50	
		<u>          </u>	\$ 4,857.45

## Interest:

Taxes 1946	\$	29.08	
Taxes 1945		240.26	
Taxes 1944		140.61	
Added Interest		505.19	
Demands, releases, re- cordings and costs		36.55	
		<u>          </u>	\$ 951.69

Total from Special Assessments, Privileges and Interest			\$ 5,817.72
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Total Receipts from General Revenue			\$110,085.37
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## MERRIMAC TOWN REPORT

## Receipts—Commercial Revenue

## General Government:

Rent of Hall .....	\$	432.00	
Rent of Offices .....		668.00	
	—————	\$	1,100.00

## Protection of Persons and Property:

Sealers Fees .....	\$	9.05	
	—————	\$	9.05

## Board of Health:

Health Nurse Fees....	\$	146.50	
Ins. of Animals .....		50.00	
	—————	\$	196.50

## Highways:

## Town Hire Road

Machinery .....	\$	1,234.75	
Comm. of Mass.,			
Ch. 81, 1945 .....		2,762.20	
Comm. of Mass.			
Ch. 81, 1946 .....		3,826.64	
Acts 1945, Ch. 719 ....		2,757.40	
Reimb. West Newbury		3.45	
Sale Material .....		5.00	
Road Machinery refund			
Dyar Sales .....		58.51	
Sale Car .....		15.00	
Sale Material .....		2.00	
	—————	\$	10,664.95

## Public Library:

Fines .....	\$	112.03	
Trust Funds .....		800.31	
	—————	\$	912.34

## Kimball Park:

Trust Funds .....	\$	72.69	
	—————	\$	72.69

## Cemeteries:

Sale of Lots .....	\$	50.00	
Trust Funds .....		2,132.76	
Care of Lots and Opening Graves .....		544.50	
	—————	\$	2,727.26

## Charities:

## Aid to Dependent Children

State of Mass. ....	\$	1,272.73	
U. S. Grant .....		627.55	
	—————	\$	1,900.28

## Temporary Aid:

State of Mass. ....	\$	122.07	
Other Cities and Towns		672.07	
Individuals .....		685.50	
	—————	\$	1,479.64

## Old Age Assistance:

State of Massachusetts	\$	18,243.62	
Other Cities and Towns		107.00	
U. S. Grant .....		20,159.57	
U. S. Grant Admx. ....		671.98	
Individuals .....		28.40	
Old Age Meal Tax .....		1,595.02	
	—————	\$	40,805.59

## Soldiers Relief:

Cities and Towns .....	\$	40.94	
	—————	\$	40.94

**Public Service Enterprises**

## Light and Water Departments:

## Lights—

Consumers Deposits ....	\$	145.00	
Street Lighting .....		4,306.77	
Sale of Light .....		33,891.98	
Sale of Power .....		7,465.41	
Miscellaneous Sales ....		1,706.06	
	—————	\$	47,515.22



## Water—

Meter Rates .....\$ 11,534.53

Miscellaneous Sales ..... 833.09

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\$ 12,367.62

Light withdrawal from Depreciation Fund .....\$ 10,000.00

## Schools:

## Transportation and

Tuition .....\$ 1,264.10

Express Refund ..... 1.62

Graf Bros. Refund ..... 3.00

Vocational ..... 118.16

Supt. Schools ..... 483.33

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\$ 1,870.21

Total from Commercial Revenue .....\$131,662.29

**Non-Revenue and Miscellaneous Receipts**

Withholding Tax .....\$ 5,479.65

Rent of Possessions ..... 186.30

Town Clerk, Dogs ..... 440.60

Liquor Licenses ..... 180.00

Tax Titles ..... 1,868.63

Sale of Possessions ..... 2,847.50

Interest on War Bonds ..... 461.50

Expense Purchase Bond ..... 115.59

Revenue Loans ..... 10,000.00

Sale Cemetery Tools ..... 3.50

Comm. Mass. Licenses ..... 8.00

Sale Fire Apparatus ..... 50.00

Sale Lots ..... 40.00

Sale Punching Machine ..... 1.00

Refund Cemetery Dept. from Geo. M. Earl 5.50

Sale Sewing Machines ..... 55.00

Sale of Logs ..... 55.00

Sale of Building ..... 10.00

Refund for Recording ..... 3.00

Sale of Wood ..... 5.00

Commonwealth Licenses ..... 8.00

Total from Non-Revenue and Miscellaneous

Receipts .....\$ 21,823.77

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Total from General Revenue, Commercial Revenue and Non-Revenue and Miscellaneous Receipts .....		\$263,571.43
Cash Balance January 1, 1946 .....		74,447.15
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		\$338,018.58

## Expenditures—General Government

### Legislative:

Moderator, Salary .....	\$ 12.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 12.00

### Selectmen:

Chairman, Salary .....	\$ 450.00	
Clerk, Salary .....	125.00	
Other Member, Salary ..	100.00	
Printing and Postage ..	266.05	
Transportation .....	14.27	
Supplies .....	45.30	
Other Expenses .....	37.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,037.62

### Welfare Board:

Chairman, Salary .....	\$ 200.00	
Clerk, Salary .....	200.00	
Other Member, Salary ..	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 500.00

### Accountant:

Salary .....	\$ 2,035.00	
Printing and Postage..	39.44	
Supplies .....	62.12	
Transportation .....	7.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,143.56

### Treasurer:

Salary .....	\$ 500.00	
Printing and Postage ..	154.89	
Other Expense .....	70.62	
	<hr/>	\$ 725.51

## Assessors:

Salaries .....	\$	786.64	
Printing and Postage ..		95.44	
Transportation .....		18.00	
Supplies and Equipment		309.63	
	—————	\$	1,209.71

## Town Clerk:

Salary .....	\$	225.00	
Printing and Postage ..		16.65	
Other Expenses .....		11.54	
	—————	\$	253.19

## Registrars of Voters:

Salaries .....	\$	227.10	
	—————	\$	227.10

## Bonding Town Officers:

Forgery Treasurer and Collector .....	\$	18.75	
Property Officer .....		5.00	
Clerk .....		5.00	
Collector .....		112.50	
Treasurer .....		75.00	
Light and Water Collector .....		37.50	
Light Manager .....		5.00	
Deputy Collector .....		5.00	
	—————	\$	263.75

## Election Officers:

Salaries .....	\$	152.00	
Meals .....		53.00	
	—————	\$	205.00

## Registrars Expense:

Labor and Supplies ....	\$	179.14	
	—————	\$	179.14



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### Town Hall Maintenance:

Janitors Salary .....	\$ 240.00	
Openings .....	260.50	
Fuel .....	634.28	
Light .....	49.70	
Janitors Supplies .....	15.92	
Telephone .....	94.75	
Other Expense .....	47.66	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,342.81

### Town Hall Repairs:

Repairs to Hall .....	\$ 97.83	
	<hr/>	\$ 97.83

### Repairs in or on Town Hall:

Setting Glass .....	\$ 8.51	
	<hr/>	\$ 8.51

### Collector of Taxes:

Salary 1946 .....	\$ 829.77	
Salary 1945 .....	130.17	
Salary 1944 .....	23.81	
Printing and Postage ..	257.99	
Taking Titles and other expenses .....	154.34	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,396.08

Total General Government .....\$ 9,601.81

## Protection of Persons and Property

### Police:

Salary of Chief .....	\$ 1,986.86	
Salary of Night Patrolman	1,715.98	
Special Police .....	465.30	
Telephone .....	111.92	
Transportation .....	179.40	
Other Expense .....	40.28	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,499.74

### Fire Engineers:

Chief, Salary .....	\$ 150.00	
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Clerk, Salary .....	125.00	
Other Member, Salary .....	100.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 375.00

## Fire Department:

Stewards .....	\$ 110.00	
Truck Mechanic .....	25.00	
Supt. Alarms .....	100.00	
Call Men .....	1,981.25	
Telephone .....	76.75	
Fuel .....	128.41	
Motor Expense .....	146.56	
Repairs and other ex- pense .....	923.26	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 3,491.23

## Cover Walls and Paint

Fire Station .....	\$ 900.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 900.00

## Fire Hose:

Purchase of Hose .....	\$ 575.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 575.00

## Purchase of Fire Truck and Apparatus:

Bill for truck and ap- paratus .....	\$ 8,081.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 8,081.00

## Inspector of Wiring:

Salary .....	\$ 90.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 90.00

## Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Salary .....	\$ 100.00	
Expense .....	7.23	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 107.23

## Moth Department:

Supt. Salary .....	\$ 646.00	
Labor .....	328.10	

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Horse Hire .....	28.00	
Other Expense .....	20.60	
		\$ 1,022.70

Tree Warden:

Cutting Trees .....	\$ 201.50	
Salary of Warden .....	242.20	
Labor .....	40.00	
Other Expense .....	14.00	
		\$ 497.70

Forest Fire Warden:

Labor .....	\$ 102.00	
Misc. Expense .....	11.25	
		\$ 113.25

Dog Officer:

Fees .....	\$ 149.00	
		\$ 149.00

Town Forest:

Salary .....	\$ 137.20	
Labor .....	128.80	
Equipment and Gravel ..	122.00	
Team .....	15.00	
		\$ 403.00

Total Protection of Persons and Property .....	\$ 20,304.85
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## Health and Sanitation

Board of Health:

Care of dump .....	\$ 181.00	
Burial of cats and dogs ..	20.00	
Medical aid .....	17.00	
Labor, sewer leak .....	82.70	
Other expense .....	92.67	
		\$ 393.37

Health Nurse and Expense:

Salary .....	\$ 960.00
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## Motor Expense and

Transportation .....	219.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,179.00

## Inspector of Animals:

Salary .....	\$ 100.00	
Expense .....	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 105.00

## Inspector of Slaughtering:

Salary .....	\$ 20.00	
Expense .....	1.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 21.25

## Inspector of Milk:

Salary .....	\$ 20.00	
Expense .....	2.05	
	<hr/>	\$ 22.05

## Essex County T. B. Hospital:

Bill for year .....	\$ 711.93	
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Total from Health and Sanitation .....	\$ 2,432.60
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**Highways**

## Oiling West Shore Road:

Salary, Supt. ....	\$ 8.80	
Labor .....	70.00	
Trucks .....	24.00	
Loader .....	5.25	
Oil .....	321.43	
Sand .....	7.50	
Town Truck .....	19.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 456.48

## Highway and Chapter 81:

Salary, Supt. ....	\$ 899.40	
Labor .....	3,623.15	
Trucks .....	835.75	

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Material .....	5,783.45	
Town Truck and Loader	1,358.25	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 12,500.00

### Maintenance Road Machinery:

Gas and Oil .....	\$ 615.24
Express .....	9.79
Sharpening Tools .....	4.25
Repair Tools .....	26.00
Plates .....	6.00
Parts for Plow .....	51.50
Repairs truck tractor and plow .....	1,377.48
	<hr/> \$ 2,090.26

## Snow and Washouts:

Superintendent, Salary \$	593.30
Labor .....	1,690.75
Plowing .....	1,270.25
Horse Plow, Sanding ..	345.45
Fuel .....	45.61
Telephone .....	7.84
Town Truck .....	372.00
Parts .....	.25
Town Tractor .....	158.00
Equipment and Material	228.02
	<hr/> \$ 4,711.47

### Sidewalks, Railings and Bridges:

Superintendent, Salary	\$	51.20	
Labor .....		44.80	
Gravel .....		3.90	
		<u>          </u>	
	\$		99.90

### Street Lights:

Bill for Lights .....	\$ 4,306.77	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 4,306.77

## Rocks Bridge:

Assessment .....	\$	443.54	
		<u>          </u>	\$ 443.54

## Highway, Thickly Settled:

Salary, Supt. ....	\$ 141.50	
Labor .....	137.80	
Fuel .....	14.00	
Town Truck .....	7.47	
Telephone .....	29.33	
Equipment and Material	126.85	
	—————	\$ 456.95

Total Highways .....\$ 25,065.37

**Charities and Soldiers Benefits**

## Public Welfare:

## Groceries and provi-

sions .....	\$ 1,416.18	
Fuel .....	212.77	
Rent .....	231.00	
Medical Aid .....	1,148.20	
Cash .....	553.30	
Other Cities and Towns	777.76	
Other Payments .....	1.58	
	—————	\$ 4,340.79

## Aid to Dependent Children:

Medical Aid .....	\$ 175.27	
Cash .....	2,815.05	
	—————	\$ 2,990.32

## A. D. C. Admx., U. S.:

Postage .....	\$ .06	
	—————	\$ .06

## A. D. C., U. S.:

Medical .....	\$ 48.22	
Cash .....	525.55	
	—————	\$ 573.77

## Old Age:

Burials .....	\$ 316.00	
Other Cities and Towns	853.97	
Cash .....	27,141.79	
Medical Aid .....	2,382.42	
	—————	\$30,694.18



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## Old Age, U. S.:

Cash .....	\$ 18,575.04
Burials .....	395.00
Other Cities and Towns .....	251.49
Medical Aid .....	1,746.34
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	\$ 20,967.87

## Old Age Admx., U. S.:

Salaries .....	\$ 600.00
Visiting .....	120.00
Motor Expense .....	50.00
Printing and Postage ..	38.53
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	\$ 808.53

## Soldiers Relief:

Cash .....	\$ 628.00
Outside Care .....	316.50
Transporting Patients ..	24.72
Fuel .....	90.13
Groceries and Provi-	
sions .....	906.75
Rent .....	122.00
Medical Aid .....	170.36
Other Expense .....	46.10
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	\$ 2,304.56

Total Charities and Soldiers Benefits .....\$ 62,680.08

## Schools and Library

### School Committee:

Salaries .....	\$ 127.41
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	\$ 127.41

### Schools:

Total expended in 1946, itemized  
in detail in school report classi-  
fied as per state require-  
ments .....

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\$ 37,680.23  

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\$ 37,680.23

### Vocational Aid:

Tuition .....	\$ 1,260.73	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 1,260.73

## Public Library:

Librarian .....	\$ 500.00
Care of Grounds .....	167.50
Fuel and Light .....	469.67
Books, Bindings, Per- iodicals .....	400.64
	<hr/> \$ 1,537.81

Total Schools and Library .....	\$ 40,606.18
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## Recreation and Unclassified

### Expense Purchase War Bonds:

Expense purchasing	.	
Bonds .....	\$ 53.09	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 53.09

## Water Extension Westminster Road:

Purchase of Materials	\$	313.75	
		<u>          </u>	\$ 313.75

## Repairs Tax Title Property:

Repairs .....	\$	26.89	
		<u>          </u>	\$ 26.89

## Insurance:

Fire .....	\$ 5.00
Fire Tool Shed .....	5.00
Pumper .....	37.00
Ford .....	42.08
Tractor .....	47.08
Fire Accident .....	243.75
Comp. ....	775.02
Blanket .....	614.53
Fire .....	12.00
Trucks .....	14.25
	<hr/> \$ 1,795.71

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## Memorial Day:

Band .....	\$ 130.00	
	—————	\$ 130.00

## Vital Statistics:

Fees .....	\$ 96.00	
	—————	\$ 96.00

## Lighting Town Buildings:

Bill for Lighting .....	\$ 358.88	
	—————	\$ 358.88

## Water in Town Buildings:

Bill for Water .....	298.05	
	—————	\$ 298.05

## Printing Town Reports:

Bill for Printing Town Reports .....	\$ 291.06	
	—————	\$ 291.06

## Playground Commission:

Erection of score board and seats and work on grounds .....	\$ 188.77	
	—————	\$ 188.77

## Building, Draining, Grading Baseball Field:

Building, grading and draining .....	\$ 2,976.70	
	—————	\$ 2,976.70

## Purchase War Bonds:

Purchase Bonds .....	\$ 40,000.00	
	—————	\$ 40,000.00

## Kimball Park:

Care of Grounds .....	\$ 72.69	
	—————	\$ 72.69

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Total Recreation and Unclassified .....	\$ 46,601.59
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## MERRIMAC TOWN REPORT

## Care and Improvement and Embellishment of Cemetery:

## Enterprises and Cemeteries

## Public Service Enterprises:

Light .....	\$ 47,272.14
Consumers Deposits .....	175.00
Water .....	11,251.72
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	\$ 58,698.86

## Cemeteries:

Superintendent, Salary \$	1,397.00
Labor .....	1,090.03
Loam and Shrubs .....	25.05
Other Expense .....	25.13
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	\$ 2,537.21

Superintendent .....	\$ 163.00
Labor .....	75.57
Plants and materials ....	41.43
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	\$ 280.00

Total for Enterprises and Cemeteries .....\$ 61,516.07

## Other Payments

Interest .....	\$ 27.84
Poll 1945 .....	2.00
Poll 1946 .....	6.00
Real 1945 .....	26.98
Real 1946 .....	76.14
Excise 1946 .....	9.66
Withholding Tax .....	5,509.39
State Tax .....	2,474.54
County Tax .....	3,741.89
Dog Fees .....	440.60
Trust Funds in Transit .....	2,396.50
Revenue Loans .....	10,000.00
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	\$ 24,711.54

Total Revenue, Non-Revenue and Other Payments .....\$293,520.09

Cash Balance, December 31, 1946 ..... 44,498.49

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\$338,018.58

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## TABLE OF ACCOUNTS

Appropriations	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Moderator, Salary .....	12.00			12.00	12.00	
Selectmen, Salaries .....	675.00			675.00	675.00	
Selectmen's Departmental Expenses .....	400.00			400.00	362.62	37.38
Board of Public Welfare Salaries .....	500.00			500.00	500.00	
Town Accountant Salary .....	2,080.00			2,080.00	2,035.00	45.00
Town Account Expenses .....	125.00			125.00	108.56	16.44
Treasurer Salary .....	500.00			500.00	500.00	
Treasurer Expenses .....	700.00			700.00	225.51	474.49
Tax Collector Salary .....	875.00			875.00	829.77	45.23
Tax Collector Expenses .....	500.00			500.00	412.33	87.67
Assessors Salaries .....	800.00			800.00	786.64	13.36
Assessors Expenses .....	425.00			425.00	423.07	1.93
Town Clerk Salary .....	225.00			225.00	225.00	
Town Clerk Expenses .....	100.00			100.00	28.19	71.81
Registrars of Voters Salary .....	250.00			250.00	227.10	22.90
Town Hall Janitors Salary .....	240.00			240.00	240.00	
Town Hall Maintenance .....	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,102.81	97.19
Town Hall Repairs .....	100.00			100.00	97.83	2.17
Bonding Town Officers .....	315.00			315.00	263.75	51.25
Election Officers .....	220.00			220.00	205.00	15.00
Police .....	4,500.00			4,500.00	4,499.74	.26
Fire Engineers Salaries .....	375.00			375.00	375.00	
Fire Department .....	3,500.00			3,500.00	3,491.23	8.77
Sealer of W. & M. Salary .....	100.00			100.00	100.00	
Sealer of W. & M. Expense .....	15.00			15.00	7.23	7.77



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	Appropri- ations	Transfers		Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
		In	Out				
Inspector of Wiring Salary .....	90.00				90.00		5.00
Inspector of Wiring Expense .....	5.00				5.00		1.00
Dog Officer, to cover fees .....	150.00				150.00	149.00	2.30
Moth Department .....	1,025.00				1,025.00	1,022.70	2.30
Tree Warden .....	500.00				500.00	497.70	
Town Forest .....	400.00	3.00			403.00	403.00	
Forest Fire Warden .....	150.00				150.00	113.25	36.75
Board of Health .....	1,250.00		500.00		750.00	393.37	356.63
Health Nurse and Expense .....	1,200.00				1,200.00	1,179.00	21.00
Inspector of Animals Salary .....	100.00				100.00	100.00	
Inspector of Animals Expense .....	5.00				5.00	5.00	
Inspector of Slaughtering Salary .....	20.00				20.00	20.00	
Inspector of Slaughtering Expense .....	5.00				5.00	1.25	3.75
Inspector of Milk Salary .....	20.00				20.00	20.00	
Inspector of Milk Expense .....	5.00				5.00	2.05	2.95
Essex County T. B. Hospital .....	711.93				711.93	711.93	
Snow and Washouts .....	6,500.00				6,500.00	4,711.47	1,788.53
Sidewalks, Railings & Bridges ...	100.00				100.00	99.90	.10
Rocks Bridge .....	625.00				625.00	443.54	181.46
Street Lights .....	4,306.77				4,306.77	4,306.77	
State Aid .....	120.00				120.00		120.00
Public Welfare .....	5,000.00		500.00		4,500.00	4,340.79	159.21
Soldiers Relief .....	3,600.00		800.00		2,800.00	2,304.56	495.44
Aid to Dependent Children .....	5,000.00		1,000.00		4,000.00	2,990.32	1,009.68
Old Age Assistance .....	28,000.00	3,000.00		24.50	31,024.50	30,694.18	330.32
School Committees Salaries .....	175.00				175.00	127.41	47.59
School Department .....	36,650.00	800.00		240.71	37,690.71	37,680.23	10.48
Public Library .....	1,000.00			537.81	1,537.81	1,537.81	
Memorial Day .....	170.00				170.00	130.00	40.00



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Vocational Aid .....	500.00	768.21	1,268.21	1,260.73	7.48
Lighting Town Buildings .....	358.88		358.88	358.88	
Insurance .....	2,300.00		2,300.00	1,795.71	504.29
Reserve Fund .....	500.00		13.84	13.84	13.84
Interest .....	500.00		500.00	27.84	472.16
Cemeteries .....	2,000.00	8.95	2,537.21	2,537.21	
Vital Statistics .....	90.00	6.00	96.00	96.00	
Water in Town Buildings .....	298.05		298.05	298.05	
Printing Town Reports .....	291.06		291.06	291.06	
Playground Commission .....	200.00		200.00	188.77	11.23
Building, Draining and Grading					
Baseball Field at Playground	3,500.00		3,500.00	2,976.70	523.30
Highway Thickly Settled .....	500.00		500.00	456.95	43.05
Repairing Tax Title Property .....	100.00		100.00	26.89	73.11
Registrars of Voters Expenses .....	250.00		250.00	179.14	70.86
Legal Suits .....	200.00		200.00		200.00
Chater 90 Highway .....	1,500.00	4,500.00	6,000.00		6,000.00
Repairs in or on Town Hall .....	150.00		150.00	8.51	141.49
Highway and Chapter 81 .....	5,300.00	7,200.00	12,500.00	12,500.90	
Installation of Fire Alarm Box .....	220.00		220.00		220.00
Oiling West Shore Road .....	500.00		500.00	456.48	43.52
Cover Walls, Paint and Trim Fire					
Station .....	900.00		900.00	900.00	
Fire Hose .....	575.00		575.00	575.00	
Home Coming Testimonial World					
War II Veterans .....	1,500.00		1,500.00		1,500.00
Water Service Extension West-					
minster Road .....	5,200.00		5,200.00	313.75	4,886.25
	\$143,048.69	\$16,286.16	\$ 3,286.16	\$ 1,331.28	\$157,379.97
				\$137,056.28	\$20,323.69

## MERRIMAC TOWN REPORT

## OTHER PAYMENTS NOT APPROPRIATED

	Balances	Transfers in	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
				\$	\$	\$	\$
Poll 1945 .....	2.00				2.00	2.00	
Poll 1946 .....	6.00				6.00	6.00	
Real 1945 .....	26.96				26.96	26.96	
Real 1946 .....	76.14				76.14	76.14	
Excise 1946 .....	9.66				9.66	9.66	
Withholding Tax .....	5,509.39				5,509.39	5,509.39	
State Tax .....	2,474.54				2,474.54	2,474.54	
County Tax .....	3,741.89				3,741.89	3,741.89	
Consumers Deposits .....	175.00				175.00	175.00	
Dog Fees .....	440.60				440.60	440.60	
Trust Funds in Transit .....	2,396.50				2,396.50	2,396.50	
Collector 1944 .....	23.81				23.81	23.81	
Collector 1945 .....	130.17				130.17	130.17	
Purchase Fire Trucks & Apparatus .....	8,100.00				8,100.00	8,081.00	19.00
Maint. Road Machinery .....				2,108.51	2,108.51	2,090.26	18.25
A. D. C. U. S. Admx. ....	189.22				189.22	.06	189.16
Old Age U. S. ....				23,032.30	23,032.30	20,967.87	2,064.43
Old Age Admx. U. S. ....	808.53				808.53	808.53	
Expense Purchase Bonds .....	53.09				53.09	53.09	
Purchase Bonds .....	40,000.00				40,000.00	40,000.00	
Kimball Park .....				72.69	72.69	72.69	
Light Maintenance .....	47,272.14				47,272.14	47,272.14	
Water Maintenance .....	11,251.72				11,251.72	11,251.72	
Care, Imp. and Emb. Cemeteries .....	280.00				280.00	280.00	
Revenue Loans .....				10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
A. D. C. U. S. ....	573.77				573.77	573.77	
	\$266,589.84	\$16,286.16	\$3,286.16	\$36,544.78	\$316,134.62	\$293,520.09	\$22614.53



RECAPITULATION

Appropriations .....	\$143,048.69		
Accounts Balances .....	123,541.15		
			\$266,589.84
Transferred to Accounts			
To Old Age Assistance .....	\$	3,000.00	From Welfare \$500.00, A. D. C. \$1,000.00 and \$1,500.00 Excess and Deficiency
To School Department .....		800.00	From Soliders Relief
To Vocational Aid .....		768.21	From Reserve Fund \$268.20; \$500.00 Board of Health and .01 Reserve Fund
To Cemetery .....		8.95	From Reserve Fund
To Vital Statistics .....		6.00	From Reserve Fund
To Chapter 90 Highway .....		4,500.00	From Excess and Deficiency
To Highway and Chapter 81 .....		7,200.00	From Excess and Deficiency
To Town Forest .....		3.00	From Reserve Fund
			\$282,876.00
Transferred From Accounts			
From Board of Health .....		500.00	To Vocational Aid
From Public Welfare .....		500.00	To Old Age Assistance
From Soliders Relief .....		800.00	To School
From A. D. C. ....		1,000.00	To Old Age Assistance
From Reserve Fund .....		486.16	To Road Machinery \$280.00 and Accounts Above
			3,286.16
Refunds and Receipts .....	\$	279,589.84	
		36,544.78	
			\$316,134.62
Payments .....			293,520.09
Balances Dec. 31, 1946 .....	\$	22,614.53	



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## POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Bonds Purchased 1944 .....	\$ 10,000.00
Bonds Purchased 1945 .....	10,000.00
Bonds Purchased 1946 .....	40,000.00

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\$ 60,000.00

Interest Added 1945 .....	\$ 246.16
Interest Added 1946 .....	528.11

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Expense Purchasing Bonds .....	\$ 60,774.27
	53.09

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\$ 60,721.18

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## FINAL TRIAL BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1946

### ASSETS

Cash Balance .....	\$ 44,498.49
Cash in Savings Bank .....	22,393.39
Petty Cash Advance Town Office .....	10.00
Petty Cash Advance Light & Water .....	125.00
Petty Cash Advance Tax Collector .....	25.00
Poll 1945 .....	6.00
Poll 1946 .....	32.00
Personal 1944 .....	13.33
Personal 1945 .....	186.74
Real Estate 1944 .....	5.82
Real Estate 1945 .....	1,281.75
Personal 1946 .....	570.11
Real 1946 .....	9,231.12
Excise 1946 .....	384.63
Excise 1945 .....	30.60
Moth, 1945 .....	2.15
N. E. Timber Salvage Co. ....	1,427.80
Tax Titles .....	2,753.90
Tax Titles Possessions .....	3,795.16
Public Welfare Accounts Receivable .....	816.17
Old Age Accounts Receivable .....	656.66
Light Account Receivable Light .....	584.06
Light Accounts Receivable Power .....	26.04
Light Accounts Receivable Miscellaneous .....	148.68
Water Accounts Receivable Rates .....	721.30
Water Accounts Receivable Miscellaneous .....	46.54
State Tax .....	50.00

### LIABILITIES

Withholding Tax .....	\$ 527.45
Consumers Deposits .....	788.65
Sale of Lots 1946 .....	90.00
Overlay 1944 .....	21.30
Overlay 1946 .....	214.43
Overlay Surplus .....	280.59
Excise Revenue .....	415.23
Moth Revenue .....	2.15
Tax Title Revenue .....	6,451.56
Departmental Revenue .....	1,472.83
Light Revenue .....	758.78
Water Revenue .....	767.84
Excess and Deficiency .....	15,533.04
Sale Lands Low Value .....	365.31
Sale Real Estate Fund .....	3,650.00
State Aid to Highway .....	3,373.36
School Construction .....	60,000.00
Loans Authorized and Unissued .....	189,000.00
School Construction .....	1,000.00
Reserve for Petty Cash Advance .....	160.00
Tax Collector 1943 Salary .....	16.93
Tax Collector 1945 Salary .....	58.14
Tax Collector 1946 Salary .....	45.23
Fire Alarm Box Installation .....	220.00
Highway Chapter 90 .....	6,000.00
Main Street Ch. 90 .....	163.86
Road Machinery .....	1,226.95

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County Tax .....	85.65	A. D. C. Admx. U. S. ....	189.16
Overlay 1942 .....	46.50	A. D. C. U. S. ....	214.99
Overlay 1943 .....	87.75	Old Age U. S. ....	2,064.43
Overlay 1945 .....	437.56	Old Age Admx. U. S. ....	341.36
State Aid to Highway .....	3,373.36	School Committee .....	47.59
Funds for School .....	60,000.00	Water Extension Westminster Rd. ....	4,886.25
Loans Authorized .....	189,000.00	Home Coming Testimonial Veterans .....	1,500.00
		Building and Draining Ball Field .....	523.30
		Light Maintenance .....	10,307.57
		Light Depreciation .....	22,393.39
		Water Maintenance .....	7,781.59
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			\$342,853.26

TRUST FUNDS

Cash in Custody of Treasurer .....	\$127,496.22	Post War Rehabilitation Fund .....	\$ 60,721.18
		Library Fund .....	1,943.92
		Thos. Hoyt Library Funds .....	23,070.17
		Kimball Park Funds ....	3,041.61
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds .....	38,719.34
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			\$127,496.22



## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	Original Amount	Dec. 31, 1945 Balance	Interest	With-drawals	Balance Dec. 31, 1946
M. E. Sargent Fund .....	100.00	111.31	2.23	3.00	110.54
Eliza M. Sawyer—Thos. Sawyer Lot .....	114.00	114.69	2.29		116.98
Emily S. Goodwin—Fatten Sargent Lot .....	250.00	312.81	6.27	3.00	316.08
John and Sophia Merrill .....	200.00	215.43	4.32	3.00	216.75
Moses Goodrich .....	100.00	102.97	2.05		105.02
W. A. Paine—Henry Sargent Lot .....	50.00	50.54	1.01		51.55
J. E. Prescott .....	200.00	253.85	5.09	6.00	252.94
Rhoda S. Poore —Daniel Poore Lot .....	400.00	411.07	8.26	5.00	414.33
Rhoda S. Poore—Frederick Sargent Lot .....	200.00	257.44	5.17	4.00	258.61
Otis W. Little .....	200.00	257.86	5.17	4.00	259.03
Susan G. Sargent—westerly half of J. B. Sargent Lot .....	75.00	78.42	1.57	2.50	77.49
Henrietta B. Sargent—Wm. P. Colby Lot .....	250.00	356.50	7.16	4.00	359.66
Caroline S. Noyes—Somerby Noyes Lot .....	100.00	102.41	2.05		104.46
Adeline Whittier .....	100.00	102.34	2.05		104.39
J. Warren Sargent .....	100.00	102.89	2.05		104.94
Ruth Rowell—Jacob Rowell and Chas. Dow Lot .....	200.00	287.61	5.77	4.00	289.38
Sarah Pattee—Asa Ford and Sarah Pattee Lot .....	175.00	180.25	3.62	3.50	180.37
Sarah Pattee—Wm. Gunnerson Lot .....	125.00	127.28	2.55	2.50	127.33
I. B. Little .....	337.87	349.83	7.02	6.00	350.85
John Bancroft .....	50.00	51.15	1.02		52.17
Capt. Aaron Bancroft .....	50.00	51.21	1.02		52.23
Thos. D. Nelson .....	150.00	153.23	3.07	2.50	153.80
Mabel Shepardson—Issac Jones Lot .....	100.00	102.67	2.05	2.50	102.22
Henry E. Crosby .....	50.00	125.00	2.51	2.51	125.00

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	Original Amount	Dec. 31, 1945 Balance	Interest	With- drawals	Balance Dec. 31, 1946
A. Linda Little .....	150.00	164.02	3.29	3.00	164.31
Etta H. Colby .....	100.00	102.26	2.05		104.31
Mrs. Gilman Hoyt .....	100.00	103.59	2.07	2.00	103.66
Phineas Chase .....	100.00	102.17	2.05	2.00	102.22
Charles A. Bridges .....	100.00	102.35	2.05	2.50	101.90
Louis Clement—John S. Clement Lot .....	100.00	125.45	2.51	25.00	102.96
Carrie C. Noyes .....	150.00	155.30	3.11	3.00	155.41
W. O. Smiley—Wm. and Francis Smiley .....	100.00	102.06	2.05	2.50	101.61
Hattie and Carrie Baxter .....	100.00	102.39	2.05	2.00	102.44
Pamella C. Trefethen—Ephriam Trefethen Lot .....	100.00	117.99	2.36	3.00	117.35
Ida E. Stevens .....	125.00	128.00	2.57	2.50	128.07
Mary A. Chase, Wm. and Mary A. Chase .....	100.00	102.40	2.05	2.00	102.45
Stuart Chase and Sargent .....	150.00	253.38	5.08	4.00	254.46
Chas. A. Noyes—Chas. A. Noyes Lot .....	75.00	76.56	1.53	2.00	76.09
Mason W. R. Downing—John Sargent and Ichabod Nichols Lot.....	125.00	127.37	2.55	2.50	127.42
Wm Gilday .....	200.00	204.14	4.10	3.50	204.74
Moses Stevens .....	100.00	102.23	2.05	2.50	101.78
Elizabeth M. Cooper—Jos. Cooper Lot .....	100.00	102.44	2.05	2.00	102.49
Amos Weed .....	100.00	102.81	2.05	2.50	102.36
E. Fannie Bradley—Daniel Bradley .....	100.00	114.19	2.29	1.00	115.48
Porter Sargent .....	150.00	153.77	3.08	3.00	153.85
Addie F. Sawyer .....	100.00	102.39	2.06	2.00	102.45
Melvin S. Gibbs .....	50.00	102.08	2.05	2.00	102.13
Arthur C. Sargent .....	100.00	104.22	2.09	2.50	103.81



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Heirs of A. R. Kimball .....	100.00	102.11	2.05		104.16
George E. Ricker—Capt J. W. Sargent .....	100.00	102.11	2.05	2.00	102.16
Alfred G. Wells—R. K. Nichols, Patriquin and Wells .....	200.00	210.19	4.22	3.00	211.41
Stephen C. Parsons .....	200.00	237.40	4.76	3.00	239.16
Alfred H. Colby—A. M. Colby Lot .....	100.00	203.55	4.08	3.50	204.13
George S. Sargent .....	100.00	102.53	2.05	2.50	102.08
Frank Ward .....	200.00	233.01	4.68	3.00	234.69
R. W. Sargent & D. A. Moulton (\$50 out in 1946) .....	100.00	254.71	4.10	7.50	201.31
Samuel C. Pease .....	150.00	153.70	3.08	3.00	153.78
Agnes F. Judkins—Geo. W and Olive O. Judkins Lot .....	150.00	155.91	3.12	3.00	156.03
Willard D. Sargent—Edward P. Sargent .....	200.00	259.56	5.21	3.50	261.27
Everett Carlton—Richard Stoye Lot .....	100.00	101.58	2.03		103.61
A. E. Porter—S. L. Porter and Mary Emery .....	150.00	162.92	3.26	3.00	163.18
Donald MacDiarmid .....	150.00	174.32	3.50	3.00	174.82
Wm. H. Young .....	100.00	103.02	2.07		105.09
Mary A. Hoyt—Thos. Hoyt Lot .....	200.00	214.17	4.30	2.50	215.97
Willard D. Sargent—Capt. Moses Sargent .....	100.00	102.48	2.05	2.50	102.03
Willard D. Sargent—Nicholas Sargent .....	100.00	102.27	2.05	2.50	101.82
Lilla P. Larraway—H. W. Larraway Lot .....	100.00	102.37	2.05	2.00	102.42
Warren E. Wallace .....	100.00	125.49	2.51	2.50	125.50
Justin Clement .....	75.00	82.79	1.65	2.50	81.94
Emma P. Emerson—Alfred Chase Lot .....	100.00	102.49	2.05	2.00	102.54
John W. Foster .....	150.00	155.72	3.12	3.00	155.84
John H. Cleary .....	100.00	102.44	2.05	1.50	102.99
M. A. Gassett .....	100.00	102.39	2.05	1.50	102.94
J. W. Johnson .....	100.00	102.80	2.05	2.00	102.85
Wm. Greeley .....	100.00	102.48	2.05	2.50	102.03
Moses S. Brown—Chas. E. Hoyt Lot .....	100.00	102.12	2.05	2.00	102.17



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John B. Judkins .....	350.00	524.07	10.53	6.00	528.60
Henry C. Fox .....	100.00	102.47	2.05	2.50	102.02
Geo. D. Larkin—Little, Larkin and Oliver Larkin Lot	300.00	311.93	6.26	4.50	313.69
Addie Haley .....	100.00	103.06	2.07	2.00	103.13
Jacob F. Crosby .....	100.00	102.45	2.05	2.00	102.50
Willis H. Scott .....	75.00	77.16	1.54	2.00	76.70
Herbert F. Chase .....	100.00	102.59	2.05		104.64
Joseph H. Leavitt—Daniel Leavitt Lot .....	100.00	103.01	2.07	3.00	102.08
Wm. Betts .....	150.00	159.57	3.20	3.00	159.77
Horace J. Batchelder .....	200.00	200.08	4.02	4.00	200.10
James D. Pike .....	100.00	102.16	2.05	2.00	102.21
Gustavus D. Veal—G. D. Veal and Geo. Grant Lot .....	100.00	102.24	2.05	2.00	102.29
Edward G. Sherman (\$50.00 added in 1946) .....	100.00	102.57	2.47		155.04
Chas. E. Rowell .....	150.00	153.63	3.08	3.00	153.71
Erastus Sargent .....	100.00	102.28	2.05	2.00	102.33
Mary E. Robinson .....	150.00	163.80	3.28	3.00	164.08
Chas. A. Wallace and Helen Chamberlain .....	100.00	102.17	2.05	2.00	102.22
Frank C. Williams .....	100.00	102.89	2.05		104.94
Melville A. Cunningham .....	100.00	102.62	2.05		104.67
Daniel H. Means .....	100.00	102.12	2.05	2.00	102.17
Conrad Kippenberger .....	50.00	50.76	1.01		51.77
Judson S. Jewett .....	100.00	102.32	2.05	2.00	102.37
Herbert C. Oak.....	150.00	154.18	3.09	3.00	154.27
Walter L. Chaloner .....	200.00	205.89	4.12	2.50	207.51
Benjamin Rowell .....	50.00	69.81	1.39	2.50	68.70

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Moses Sawyer .....	50.00	62.49	1.25	2.50	61.24
Chas. S. Lockwood .....	100.00	102.83	2.05		104.88
Fred B. Porter .....	100.00	102.18	2.05		104.23
Rufus H. Bennett .....	100.00	112.97	2.26	1.00	114.23
Thos. H. Hoyt .....	150.00	154.26	3.00	3.00	154.35
N. L. and Ella S. Howe .....	100.00	101.83	2.03		103.86
Edmund Ricker .....	100.00	101.79	2.03		103.82
Toppan Sargent and Franklin Mason .....	100.00	101.66	2.03		103.69
Austin Sawyer .....	100.00	102.20	2.05	2.00	102.25
Geo. H. Tilton .....	100.00	105.06	2.11	2.50	104.67
Moses C. Flanders .....	50.00	54.33	1.08	1.00	54.41
Edward F. Goodwin and Thos. Goodwin .....	150.00	154.12	3.09	3.00	154.21
Fred M. Cate .....	100.00	101.82	2.03		103.85
Mary A. Noyes .....	100.00	106.73	2.13	3.00	105.86
Clara Kendall .....	200.00	220.74	4.42	3.00	222.16
Daniel W. Gould .....	100.00	101.66	2.03		103.69
David Tewksbury and Thos. Merrill .....	150.00	153.94	3.08	2.50	154.52
Stephen Nichols .....	100.00	102.54	2.05		104.59
Betsy A. Veal .....	100.00	102.47	2.05		104.52
Frank Hargraves .....	100.00	101.91	2.03		103.94
John Logan .....	100.00	102.48	2.05	2.50	102.03
Charles Colman .....	100.00	102.80	2.05	1.50	103.35
Julia Whaland .....	150.00	158.22	3.17	3.00	158.39
Norman S. Cole .....	100.00	101.10	2.03		103.13
Mary Ordway .....	100.00	102.16	2.05	2.00	102.21
John T. Lovett .....	150.00	205.37	4.12	3.00	206.49
Wm. H. Franklin .....	100.00	202.84	4.06	2.50	204.40
Helen G. Linden .....	100.00	101.54	2.03		103.57

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Clifton B. Heath .....	150.00	151.75	3.04	2.00	152.79
Mary E. Sargent—Orlando Sargent .....	100.00	103.01	2.07	2.50	102.53
John K. Sargent .....	100.00	116.64	2.33		118.97
Mary H. Sargent—Hayden Sargent .....	100.00	102.79	2.05	2.00	102.84
Roswell J. Eaton .....	100.00	103.04	2.07	1.50	103.61
John E. Currier—Joshua Currier .....	150.00	155.60	3.12	3.00	155.72
John E. Currier .....	125.00	127.01	2.55	2.00	127.56
Single Graves (\$10.00 added in 1946) .....	90.00	153.05	3.15	2.50	163.70
Anne M. Sargent—John L. Sargent .....	125.00	127.22	2.55	2.50	127.27
Fred R. Weed .....	200.00	221.74	4.44	2.50	223.68
Mary J. Murphy—J. H. Murphy Lot .....	100.00	101.78	2.03	1.50	102.31
Edward H. Preble .....	125.00	127.15	2.55	2.50	127.20
Edwin S. Lane .....	100.00	102.04	2.05	2.00	102.09
Elbridge D. Young .....	100.00	102.13	2.05	1.50	102.63
Mary E. Hoyt .....	150.00	155.73	3.12	2.50	156.35
Harriet E. Story—F. A. Sargent and Story Lot .....	100.00	102.15	2.05	2.00	102.20
Phillip E. Quimby .....	100.00	102.40	2.05	1.50	102.95
Rebecca P. Little—Arthur Sargent and Ed. Sargent Lot .....	200.00	208.51	4.18	3.00	209.69
Clarence T. Allison .....	100.00	102.44	2.05	2.00	102.49
Sarah B. Titcomb and Eva J. Titcomb .....	100.00	104.34	2.09	2.50	103.93
John Heald—Isaac Heald Lot .....	200.00	221.04	4.44	3.00	222.48
Jennie S. Prescott—Geo. S. Prescott .....	100.00	102.12	2.05	2.50	101.67
Annie Tuttle—Amos Small—Lawson Lot .....	100.00	114.58	2.29		116.87
Benjamin F. Sargent .....	300.00	323.64	6.49	5.00	325.13
Ralph H. Sargent .....	100.00	102.56	2.05	2.00	102.61



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Fullington Ashley Lot .....	100.00	102.26	2.05	2.00	102.31
Laura Patten—T. Hayden Patten .....	200.00	207.17	4.16	4.00	207.33
Geo. T. Crouse .....	100.00	102.24	2.05	2.00	102.29
Nellie M. Hall—Thos. Fraser Lot .....	100.00	103.09	2.07	2.00	103.16
Lottie Hopkins—Nichols—Hopkins Lot .....	100.00	102.12	2.05	2.00	102.17
Louise C. Brackett—Wm. Russell Lot .....	100.00	102.26	2.05		104.31
Marion Armstrong—Armstrong and McInnis Lot .....	400.00	400.87	8.04	7.50	401.41
Theo. L. Hayes .....	100.00	202.06	4.06	3.00	203.12
Frank M. Haynes .....	100.00	105.09	2.11	2.00	105.20
F. L. Parker .....	150.00	156.37	3.13	2.50	157.00
Dr. F. E. Sweetsir .....	350.00	451.12	9.06	6.00	454.18
Wm. N. Pettigrew .....	100.00	121.31	2.43		123.74
Fred S. Hardwick .....	100.00	152.02	3.05	2.00	153.07
J. Melvin Clement .....	100.00	102.11	2.05	4.00	100.16
Edwin S. McKay .....	100.00	102.37	2.05	2.00	102.42
Harry A. Stickney .....	150.00	154.44	3.09	2.50	155.03
B. F. Hardwick .....	150.00	178.81	3.58	3.00	179.39
Emma L. Sargent—Orlando Sargent Lot .....	150.00	153.58	3.08	2.50	154.16
Emma L. Sargent—O. F. Seavey Lot .....	150.00	152.85	3.06	2.50	153.41
Elsie G. Mathews—Elmer Grant Lot .....	200.00	211.62	4.24	3.00	212.86
Sarah A. Spillers—Frank Burnham Lot .....	200.00	218.20	4.38	1.00	221.58
Lettie F. Whitney—Herbert Whitney Lot .....	300.00	310.39	6.23	3.00	313.62
Fred W. Mathison .....	100.00	102.24	2.05	2.50	101.79
Minnie A. Chapman—Judson Webster Lot .....	125.00	127.63	2.55	1.50	128.68
Frederick W. Carter .....	200.00	211.98	4.25	2.00	214.23
Ethel A. Goodwin—Chas. H. Goodwin Lot .....	100.00	113.77	2.27		116.04
Lucy J. Bagley—Mrs. Clarence Bagley Lot .....	100.00	102.41	2.05	2.50	101.96
Samuel W. Condon .....	150.00	171.10	3.43		174.53

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Samuel L. Porter—Joseph Porter Lot .....	150.00	152.92	3.06	2.00	153.98
Benjamin B. Wood .....	200.00	205.28	4.12	2.50	206.90
May Belle Brown .....	100.00	101.92	2.03	2.00	101.95
Norman M. Hunter—Alfred Goodwin Lot .....	200.00	213.02	4.28	4.25	213.05
Ada C. Toby .....	100.00	111.74	2.23		113.97
John E. Bean .....	75.00	76.47	1.53	1.50	76.50
Mary E. Tuxbury .....	150.00	153.48	3.08	2.00	154.56
Maud G. Carter .....	100.00	102.43	2.05	2.00	102.48
Georgie G. Patten—Hayden Patten Lot .....	100.00	109.64	2.19		111.83
Frank Glines—Glines—Bartlett .....	150.00	153.32	3.07	2.50	153.89
Wm. Evans—Lucien Chapin Lot .....	50.00	51.04	1.02		52.06
Wm Dwyer .....	50.00	51.04	1.02		52.06
Delma Black, Adelina T. Jones Lot .....	100.00	102.34	2.05	2.00	102.39
Ruth Hargraves .....	100.00	102.56	2.05	2.00	102.61
Jennie Chase—Moses Stevens' Lot .....	100.00	105.82	2.11		107.93
Richard E. Sargent—Edmund Fieldsend Lot .....	100.00	102.68	2.05	2.50	102.23
Richard E. Sargent .....	125.00	130.22	2.61		132.83
Eva J. Grant .....	100.00	106.57	2.13		108.70
Clara Foster—John Foster Lot .....	200.00	218.33	4.38		222.71
Jeanette E. Whittier—Wendell B. Whittier Lot .....	150.00	153.39	3.07	2.00	154.46
Luther W. Bridges, Edgar C. Bridges, John Whitman	150.00	152.89	3.06	2.50	153.45
Wm. S. Tuckwell—Newton Tuckwell Lot .....	50.00	51.04	1.02		52.06
Wm. S. Tuckwell—S. S. Tuckwell Lot .....	50.00	51.04	1.02		52.06
Abbie W. Sargent—Alexander Smart Lot .....	225.00	232.41	4.66	3.00	234.07
Francis P. Clement .....	200.00	205.57	4.12	2.50	207.19



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Wilbur H. Colby—Joseph Colby Lot .....	200.00	205.74	4.12	2.50	207.36
Katherine F. MacMasters .....	150.00	153.65	3.08	2.00	154.75
Louise A. Thacher .....	200.00	206.91	4.14	2.50	208.55
Willie Colby—Warren Colby Lot .....	100.00	102.28	2.05	2.00	102.33
Willie Colby—Wm. H. Colby Lot .....	100.00	101.78	2.03	1.00	102.81
Alice E. Purdy .....	100.00	152.53	3.06	2.00	153.59
John S. Poyen .....	500.00	518.96	10.42	8.50	520.88
Pearl M. Stevens .....	150.00	154.15	3.09	2.00	155.24
Anna Bird .....	200.00	206.57	4.14	2.50	208.21
Fred O. Bailey .....	200.00	205.81	4.12	2.50	207.43
David E. Stevens—Chas. Stevens Lot .....	200.00	203.72	4.08	2.50	205.30
Edith E. Wood—James Wood Lot .....	100.00	151.85	3.04		154.89
Augustus N. Parry—John and Louise Elliott .....	100.00	101.86	2.03	1.50	102.39
Charles L. Waterhouse .....	150.00	152.58	3.06	2.50	153.14
Sarah K. Noyes .....	100.00	102.73	2.05		104.78
Clarence W. Crosby .....	150.00	153.08	3.07	2.50	153.65
Dustin Hall and B. Frost .....	400.00	410.50	8.24	3.00	415.74
Charles L. Waterhouse—Almon Waterhouse Lot .....	150.00	153.30	3.07		156.37
Charles L. Waterhouse—Moses Sargent Lot .....	150.00	153.30	3.07	2.50	153.87
Leon L. Dow .....	200.00	204.23	4.10	2.50	205.83
Harry W. Bailey—Richard Bailey .....	200.00	204.39	4.10	2.50	205.99
Geo. S. Nelson—Brown—Nelson .....	100.00	103.20	2.07	2.00	103.27
Sadie Hopkins—J. Danforth .....	100.00	103.20	2.07	2.00	103.27
Edith A. Wood—Geo T. Goldsmith .....	150.00	154.28	3.09	2.00	155.37
Pollie C. Grant—Frederick C. Grant Lot .....	150.00	154.03	3.09	2.00	155.12
Myra Evans—Moses Evans and Moses Hoyt Lot .....	100.00	102.34	2.05	2.00	102.39
Clara E. Patten—Patten Clement Lot .....	200.00	204.02	4.10	2.50	205.62
Nellie Newhall (\$100 added in 1946) .....	100.00	100.83	3.19		204.02



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	Original Dec. 31, 1945 Amount	Balance	Interest	With- drawals	Balance Dec. 31, 1946
John A. Tidd .....	200.00	202.00	4.06	2.00	204.06
Wm. Cleary .....	200.00	202.00	4.06		206.06
Alice Mercer .....	200.00	202.00	4.06		206.06
Byron Sargent .....	300.00	303.00	6.09	3.00	306.09
Chas. A. Bacon .....	150.00	151.25	3.03	1.50	152.78
Wm. D. Large .....	150.00	151.25	3.03	1.50	152.78
Maude Adams .....	200.00	201.33	4.04		205.37
Charles L. Waterhouse .....	100.00	100.67	2.01		102.68
Geo Wilde .....	300.00	301.50	6.05		307.55
Mabel Bettors .....	150.00	150.75	3.02		153.77
Zenas Lovell .....	200.00	200.67	4.02		204.69
Parker Walton .....	200.00	200.33	4.02		204.35
Est. Wm. Tuckwell .....	200.00	200.00	3.68		203.68
		<u>\$ 36,940.49</u>		<u>\$ 522.76</u>	

## ADDED SINCE DECEMBER 31, 1945

	Original Dec. 31, 1945 Amount	Balance	Interest	With- drawals	Balance Dec. 31, 1946
Esther M. Gormley—Katherine Connor Lot .....	150.00		.50		150.50
Henrietta Anderson—Samuel Goodwin Lot .....	150.00		.50		150.50
Anderson Heaton .....	50.00				50.00
Mary E. Chaff .....	100.00				100.00
Grace L. MacDonald—John Colman Lot ..	150.00				150.00
Cora L. Wadleigh—D. Porter Wadleigh .....	150.00				150.00
					<u>\$741.61</u>

George Hosford .....	200.00	200.00
A. W. Chase .....	100.00	100.00
A. Merrill Howe .....	200.00	200.00
Luella Cunningham .....	200.00	200.00
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		\$38,719.34

RECAPITULATION

Balance Dec 31, 1945 .....	\$ 36,940.49
Interest 1946 .....	741.61
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	\$ 37,682.10
Withdrawals 1946 .....	572.76
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	\$ 37,109.34
Added in 1946 .....	1,610.00
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	\$ 38,719.34

## MERRIMAC TOWN REPORT

## PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE FUNDS

	Balance Dec. 31 1945	Interest	With- drawal	Added in 1946	Balance Dec. 31, 1946
Merrimac Savings Bank—Electric Light Depreciation Fund ....	25,085.17	501.96	10,000.00	470.00	16,057.13
Provident Institution—Electric Light Depreciation Fund .....	3,161.48	63.54			3,225.02
Pentucket Savings Bank—Electric Light Depreciation Fund ..	3,065.09	46.15			3,111.24
	31,311.14	611.65	10,000.00	470.00	22,393.39

## KIMBALL PARK FUNDS

	Original Amount	Balance Dec. 31, 1945	Interest	With- drawals 1946	Balance Dec. 31, 1946
Amos Weed .....	1,860.86	2,031.93	40.83	52.69	2,020.07
Judith Kimball .....	1 000.00	1,021.02	20.52	20.00	1,021.54
		3,052.95	61.35	72.69	3,041.61



PUBLIC LIBRARY

	Original Amount	Balance Dec. 31, 1945	Interest	With- drawals 1946	Balance Dec. 31,
James D. Whittier .....	457.07	532.61	10.69	50.00	493.30
D. J. Poore .....	500.00	537.77	10.80	35.00	513.57
A. E. Goodwin .....	200.00	216.07	4.34	15.00	205.41
Laura Patten .....	500.00	523.16	10.51	20.00	513.67
Willie Colby .....	200.00	213.69	4.28		217.97
Thomas H. Hoyt .....		10,514.88	210.60	417.81	10,570.17
			262.50		
Balances shown in Merrimac Savings Bank Books .....		12,538.18	513.72	537.81	12,514.09
Haverhill Savings Bank—Thos. H. Hoyt Fund .....		5,000.00	75.00	75.00	5,000.00
Danvers Savings Bank—Thos. H. Hoyt Fund .....		7,500.00	187.50	187.50	7,500.00
		25,038.18	776.22	800.31	25,014.09

## WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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Essex, ss.

To Edward J. O'Keefe, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in Sargent Hall on

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1947

at five forty-five o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for one year, Town Clerk for one year, three Selectmen for one year, three Members of the Department of Public Welfare one year, one Assessor for three years, Treasurer for one year, one Member of the School Committee for three years, one Member of the School Committee for two years, one Trustee of Cemeteries for three years, two Trustees of Public Library for three years, one Trustee of Kimball Park for three years, one Commissioner of Playground for five years, one Commissioner of Playground for two years, one Commissioner of Municipal Light for three years, one Water Commissioner for three years, three Constables for one year, three Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark for one year, and a Tree Warden for one year.

In voting under this article the polls may be closed not earlier than four o'clock P. M.

Article 2. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes.

Article 3. To determine what sum of money shall be raised to defray the necessary and usual charges and

expenses of the Town of the year 1947 and make appropriations for the same.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) for the maintenance of Road Machinery to keep Road Machinery in operation, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Account.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January, 1, 1948, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) said sum to be paid as salary to the Board of Old Age Assistance, whose members may or may not be members of the Board of Public Welfare, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be placed at the disposal of the Playground Commission to be used at their discretion on the playground during the current year.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town fourteen days at least before the sale, property heretofore taken or which may be taken by the Town under Tax Title procedure, provided that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen or their authorized agent may at the time of such public auction reject any bid which they may deem inadequate, or may after such auction has been held sell



such property provided that in their estimation an adequate offer may be made.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used under the supervision of the Selectmen for any necessary repairs to Tax Title Possessions or other expense of same.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be expended on highway work on thickly settled streets.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for the Board of Registrars Expense under Chapter 427 and Chapter 440 of Acts and Resolves of the General Court for the year 1938, said appropriation being made for the year 1947.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Dollars (\$90.00). from the sale of Cemetery lots, such sum or part thereof, to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees for the "care, improvement and embellishment" of said Cemetery, according to Section 15 and Section 25 of Chapter 114 of the General Laws.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Forty-eight Hundred Sixty-two Dollars and Forty-one Cents (\$4,862.41) from the Electric Light operating balance, to be used by the Assessors with the estimated receipts to fix the tax rate for the year 1947.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to meet such legal expenses as may occur due to suits pending against the town or take any action relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90, High

way Construction or Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to make necessary repairs in or on or around the Town Hall or take any action relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will authorize the Assessors to use a sum not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) from free cash in the treasury toward the reduction of the 1947 tax rate.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 and highway construction or maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a motor driven tractor sidewalk plow, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 20. On petition of George P. Stevens and others to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 21 to 25 inclusive of Chapter 136 of the General Laws, providing for certain sports and games permitted on the Lord's Day.

Article 21. On petition of the Fire Engineers to see if the Town will vote to purchase 500 feet of hose and make an appropriation for same.

Article 22. On petition of Louis A. Cyr and others, to see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken under Article Thirty (30) of the warrant for the annual meeting in 1946 and transfer the amount of \$1,500.00 appropriated under said article to the appropriation voted for the construction of the new school building.



Article 23. On petition of Charles E. Hoyt and others to see if the Town will vote to complete the unfinished W. P. A. project as of 1936 at Birch Meadow by lowering the culvert passing under Birch Meadow Road No. 2, eighteen inches to finish proper outlet for pipe which enters the main ditch running through Birch Meadow, as agreed upon by the Engineer when laid, and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for the same.

Article 24. On petition of Arthur D. Lockwood and others to see if the Town will vote to rescind its action taken under Article 4 of the Special Town Meeting held November 29, 1946, whereby and whereunder it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000.00) Dollars for the purpose of constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a modern fireproof consolidated school building, and whereby and whereunder the Treasurer was authorized to transfer from available funds the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars, to sell Sixty Thousand (\$60,000.00) Dollars worth of Government Bonds, to borrow the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000.00) Dollars under authority of Chapter 217, the Acts of 1946 and Thirty-nine Thousand (\$39,000.00) Dollars under the authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) the said amount to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen to repair roof on the Highway Garage.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) to pay the salary of the Veterans Service Officer.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for expenses of the Veterans Service Officer.



And you are hereby required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in seven public places in said Town of Merrimac, at least seven days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Merrimac this twentieth day of January, 1947.

KENNETH E. HASKELL  
J. ARTHUR OLLIS,  
RALPH L. BUZZELL,  
Selectmen of Merrimac.

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A true copy. Attest:

EDWARD J. O'KEEFE, Constable.

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By virtue of the above warrant to me directed, I hereby notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet at the time and place and for the purpose therein expressed.

EDWARD J. O'KEEFE, Constable.

Merrimac, Mass., January 20, 1947.

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Town of Merrimac and the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the Finance Committee recommend the following appropriations to be made for the year 1947:

Moderator, Salary .....	\$ 12.00
Selectmen, Chairman, Salary .....	450.00
Selectmen, Clerk, Salary .....	125.00
Selectmen, Other Member, Salary .....	100.00
	<hr/> 675.00
Selectmen's Departmental Expenses .....	400.00
Welfare, Chairman Salary .....	200.00
Welfare, Clerk Salary .....	200.00
Welfare, Other Member Salary .....	100.00
	<hr/> 500.00
Town Accountant Salary .....	2,080.00
Town Accountant Expenses .....	125.00
Treasurer Salary .....	500.00
Treasurer Expenses .....	700.00
Tax Collector Salary .....	875.00
Tax Collector Expenses .....	500.00
Assessors, Chairman Salary .....	360.00
Assessors, Other two each 220.00 ..	440.00
	<hr/> 800.00
Assessors Expenses .....	325.00
Town Clerk Salary .....	225.00
Town Clerk Expenses .....	100.00
Registrars of Voters .....	250.00

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## Town Hall Maintenance:

Janitor of Town Offices Salary .....	240.00	
Maintenance of Hall .....	1,200.00	
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		1,440.00
Town Hall Repairs .....		100.00
Bonding Town Officers .....		315.00
Election Officers .....		100.00
Police .....		4,500.00
Fire Engineers:		
Chief Salary .....	150.00	
Clerk Salary .....	125.00	
Other Member Salary .....	100.00	
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		375.00
Fire Department .....		3,700.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures Salary .....		100.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures Expenses .....		15.00
Inspector of Wiring Salary .....		90.00
Inspector of Wiring Expenses .....		5.00
Dog Officer to cover fees .....		150.00
Moth Department .....		1,025.00
Tree Warden .....		500.00
Town Forest .....		400.00
Forest Fire Warden .....		150.00
Board of Health .....		1,250.00
Health Nurse and Expenses .....		1,200.00
Inspector of Animals Salary .....		100.00
Inspector of Animals Expense .....		5.00
Inspector of Slaughtering Salary ..		20.00
Inspector of Slaughtering Expenses ..		5.00
Inspector of Milk Salary .....		20.00
Inspector of Milk Expense .....		5.00
Essex County T. B. Hospital .....		711.93
Snow and Washouts .....		6,500.00
Sidewalks, Railings and Bridges ....		100.00
Rocks Bridge .....		900.00



Street Lights .....	4,383.76
State Aid .....	120.00
Public Welfare .....	5,000.00
Soldiers' Relief .....	3,600.00
Aid to Dependent Children .....	5,000.00
Old Age Assistance .....	40,000.00

School Committee:

Chairman Salary .....	50.00	
Clerk Salary .....	75.00	
Other Member Salary .....	50.00	
		<hr/> 175.00

School Department .....	41,300.00
Public Library .....	1,200.00
Memorial Day .....	170.00
Vocational Aid .....	2,500.00
Lighting Town Buildings .....	478.65
Insurance .....	2,300.00
Reserve Fund .....	500.00
Interest .....	500.00
Cemeteries .....	2,000.00
Vital Statistics .....	90.00
Water in Town Buildings .....	288.34
Printing Town Reports .....	335.00

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\$ 141,789.68

JOHN K. SARGENT,  
 JAMES T. COLGAN,  
 CLEMENT L. LOCKWOOD,  
 HERMAN F. DAVIS,  
 WILLIAM H. FRANKLIN,  
 Merrimac Finance Committee.

## REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

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To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

I submit herewith my report as Collector of Taxes for the year ending Dec. 31, 1946.

Again this year the real estate bills will be itemized and a separate bill will be issued for each parcel of property.

I wish to thank all the various officials and citizens for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILFRED G. JOURNEAY,  
Collector of Taxes.

### 1946 Auto Excise

Commitments	\$ 1,056.28	Cash to Treas.	\$ 4,755.95
	3,036.12	Abatements	266.15
	794.77	Outstanding	384.63
	397.21		
Dec. 30, Comm.	58.54		
Dec. 30, Comm.	54.15		
Refunds	9.66		
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	\$ 5,406.73		\$ 5,406.73

### 1946 Personal Property

Commitment	\$ 5,528.14	Cash to Treas.	\$ 4,901.63
		Abatements	56.40
		Outstanding	570.11
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	\$ 5,528.14		\$ 5,528.14

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**1946 Real Estate**

Commitments	\$ 78,199.32	Cash to Treas.	\$ 66,159.73
Refunds	76.14	Abatements	2,491.22
		Tax Title Addings	393.39
		Outstanding	9,231.12
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	\$ 78,275.46		\$ 78,275.46

**1945 Moth**

Outstanding		Cash to Treas.	\$ 8.13
1-1, '46	\$ 14.00	Outstanding	2.15
Journal Debit	.53	Journal Credit	4.25
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	\$ 14.53		\$ 14.53

**1945 Real Estate**

Outstanding		Cash to Treas.	\$ 8,572.51
1-1 '46	\$ 10,182.77	Abatements	363.10
Reimbursement	26.98	Outstanding	1,281.75
Journal Debit	7.61		
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	\$ 10,217.36		\$ 10,217.36

**1946 Poll**

Commitment	\$ 1,622.00	Cash to Treas.	1,110.00
	10.00	Abatements	496.00
Refunds	6.00	Outstanding	32.00
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	\$ 1,638.00		\$ 1,638.00

**1944 Personal Property**

Outstanding		Cash to Treas.	\$ 63.21
1-1, '46	\$ 76.54	Outstanding	13.33
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	\$ 76.54		\$ 76.54



**1945 Personal Property**

Outstanding		Cash	\$	513.40
1-1, '46	\$ 707.70	Abatements		7.56
		Outstanding		186.74
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	\$ 707.70		\$	707.70

**1945 Poll Taxes**

Outstanding		Cash to Treas.	\$	8.00
1-1, '46	\$ 14.00	Abatements		2.00
Refund	2.00	Outstanding		6.00
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	\$ 16.00		\$	16.00

**1945 Auto Excise**

Outstanding	\$ 211.97	Cash	\$	101.50
		Abatements		79.87
		Outstanding		30.60
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	\$ 211.97		\$	211.97

**1944 Moth**

Outstanding		Cash to Treas.	\$	.45
1-1, '46	\$ 4.78	Abatements		4.33
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	\$ 4.78		\$	4.78

**1944 Real Estate**

Outstanding		Cash to Treas.	\$	2,368.74
Jan. 1, 1946	\$ 2,726.52	Abatements		352.26
Journal Debit	.30	Outstanding		5.82
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	\$ 2,726.82		\$	2,726.82

## VOTE FOR OFFICERS, ANNUAL ELECTION

March 4, 1946

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Votes Cast (428 Men, 374 Women), Total 802

### Moderator, for one year:

Clifford R. Howe, 5 Forest St. ....	661
Blanks .....	141

### Town Clerk, for one year:

C. Howard Phillips, 48 Church St. ....	663
Blanks .....	139

### Selectmen, for one year:

Ralph L. Buzzell, 63 School St. ....	378
Matthew J. Cummings, 27 Nichols St. ....	79
George D. Currier, 2 Prospect Hill .....	262
Kenneth E. Haskell, Highland Rd. ....	443
Ernest E. Hewson, 10 Woodland St. ....	133
Charles Emery Hoyt, Birch Meadow Rd. ....	132
J. Atrhur Ollis, 37 E. Main St. ....	293
Harold M. Waterhouse, 6 Bear Hill Rd. ....	239
Blanks .....	448

### Board of Public Welfare, for one year:

Harriett F. Bigelow, River Road .....	569
Hazen M. Emery, 15 Judkins Ct. ....	614
Ellen M. Wallace, 9 Central St. ....	572
Blanks .....	651

### Assessor, for three years:

Roscoe Child, 22 Union St. ....	660
Blanks .....	142

### Treasurer, for one year:

Roy C. Journeay, 10 Prospect St. ....	669
Blanks .....	133

## Collector of Taxes, for three years:

Wilfred G. Journeay, 28 Grove St. ....	671
Blanks .....	131

## School Committee, for three years:

Willard T. Kelly, Birch Meadow Rd. ....	315
Philip C. Means, 20 Main St. ....	441
Blanks .....	46

## Trustee of Cemeteries, for three years:

Cecil E. Welch, 19 Middle St. ....	539
Blanks .....	213

## Trustee of Kimball Park, for three years:

Warren Heath, Main St. ....	1
Arthur D. Lockwood, Main St. ....	4
George S. Nelson, Main St. ....	1
Chester E. Whiting, Main St. ....	1
Blanks .....	795

## Library Trustees, for three years:

Edgar J. Davis, 16 Main St. ....	169
Alvin F. Heath, 33 Grove St. ....	548
Chester E. Whiting, 37 Main St. ....	563
Blanks .....	324

## Light Commissioner, for three years:

Dale W. Blackden, 2 Sawyer St. ....	372
Irvine G. Burbeck, 21 East Main St. ....	367
Blanks .....	63

## Light Commissioner, for one year:

Ulysses N. Corson, West Main St. ....	583
Blanks .....	219

## Water Commissioner, for three years:

Dale W. Blackden, 2 Sawyer St. ....	382
Irvine G. Burbeck, 21 East Main St. ....	340
Blanks .....	80



## Water Commissioner, for one year:

Ulysses N. Corson, West Main St. ....	565
Blanks .....	237

## Constables, for one year:

Leon L. Dow, 2 Mechanic St. ....	613
Alden B. Morse, 50 Main St. ....	579
Edward J. O'Keefe, 7 Central St. ....	572
Blanks .....	642

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and  
Bark, for one year:

Ralph L. Buzzell, School St. ....	4
George R. Hoyt, Birch Meadow Rd. ....	2
Harold C. Lamb, Abbott St. ....	1
George L. Sargent, Bear Hill Rd. ....	1
Edson C. Walker, Birch Meadow Rd. ....	1
Blanks .....	2397

## Tree Warden, for one year:

Samuel C. Doust, Highland Rd. ....	555
Blanks .....	247

## Playground Commission, for five years:

Edwin E. Leidich, 36 Main St. ....	274
George H. K. Nicol, 15 Walnut St. ....	362
Blanks .....	166

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE**  
**TOWN OF MERRIMAC**  
**For the Year Ending December 31**  
**1946**







## SCHOOL REPORT

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In accordance with custom and with the Acts of the General Court, 1859, Chapter 57, we herewith submit to you the 76th annual printed school report.

HOWARD L. DeLONG, Chairman  
WILLARD T. KELLY, Secretary  
ANNIE L. TUCKER,

School Committee

## SCHOOL OFFICERS

John C. Page, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools  
Address: West Newbury Tel. W. N. 52

Margaret R. Sawyer, Secretary  
Address: Rye, N. H.

Alexander M. Sullivan, Supervisor of Attendance  
Address: Locust Street

A. Frances Davis, M. D., School Physician  
Address: 16 Main Street

Ramona H. Hewson, R. N., School Nurse  
Address: 10 Woodland Street

J. A. Hawes, D. M. D., Director School Dental Clinic  
Address: Merrimac

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

(Continued from 1945 Town Report)

Winter term: January 2, 1947 to February 21, 1947 (High  
and Grade 8)

January 6, 1947 to February 21, 1947 (Cen-  
tre and Prospect)

Third term: March 3, 1947 to April 25, 1947

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Spring term: May 5, 1947 to June 13, 1947 (Centre and Prospect)

Grade 8 Graduation, Monday evening, June 16, 1947.

High School Graduation, Wednesday evening, June 18, 1947.

Fall term: Registration Day, September 2, 1947—for all pupils entering Merrimac schools for the first time.

September 3, 1947 to December 19, 1947.

Winter term: January 5, 1948 to February 20, 1948.

Schools also close on the following days: Memorial Day, May 30; Essex County Teachers' Convention, November 7, 1947; Armistice Day, November 11, 1947; Thanksgiving recess, November 27 and 28, 1947.

## NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

7:15 A. M. 11-11 long pause 1.	No school in grades only
7:15 A. M. 11-11-11.	No school in all schools.
11:20 A. M. Same signal	One session
12:30 P. M. Same signal	No school in afternoon

NO SCHOOL Announcement will also be made over Station WLAW between 7:00 and 7:15 in the morning.

# DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF—OCTOBER, 1946

## MERRIMAC SCHOOL REPORT

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Position	Training	Total Years Experience	Years in Merrimac
High School Principal, Science & Math. English French & Latin History Commercial Grade 8 and ass't. to Principal in boys' athletics	Isaiah Chase Isabelle M. Phelan Dorothy Kyros Howard G. Patchett Norma R. Litvack  Edward Morrow  Cornelia E. Wolfe Angeline C. Shaheen  Marion E. Journeay Mary C. Burns Elaine W. Snow Helen K. Manning Miriam M. Felch Harriet Shook Ethel B. Whiting Effie M. Knapp Doris M. Currier Mary Elizabeth Walker	10 3.6 3 24 1  0  6 17  33 3 20 22 0 0 1 1 24.5 2	9 3.6 3 15 1  0  1 6.5  9 3 10 19.5 0 0 1 1 15 1
Prospect St. School Grade 7 Grade 6, Principal Prospect & Centre	A. B. 1930, A. M. 1932, Harvard B. S. in Ed. 1941, Tufts B. S. in P. A. L. 1942, Boston Univ. B. A. 1914, Union. M. A. 1926, Clark B. S. E. 1945, Salem  B. S. 1943, Univ. of N. H.  A. B. 1931, Boston Univ. North Adams Normal, 1926		
Centre School Grade 5 Grade 4 Grade 3 Grade 2 Ass't Principal Grade 2	Portsmouth Training, 1912 B. S. E. 1943, Lowell Aroostook Normal, 1923 Bridgewater Normal, 1918 B. S. 1936, Kutztown (Pa.) State Teachers College B. A. 1945, Ohio State Univ. A. B. 1913, Bates Mass. School of Art Institute of Music Pedagogy		
Grade 1 Grade 1 Drawing Teacher Music Teacher Physical Education Teacher	B. S. E. 1944, Lowell		



### “THE TEACHER CRISIS”

“The exodus from the teaching profession in recent years is probably the most striking vocational migration in our history. An estimated 350,000 teachers have quit the profession entirely since 1939. Approximately 60,000 positions have not been filled or have been closed out and the work has been distributed among the remaining teachers.”

\* \* \* “Despite low legal requirements, there are 108,000 emergency teachers who cannot meet the lowest standards in their respective states.” Equally alarming are the figures concerning the decrease of enrollment in teachers colleges despite the highest general enrollment in history for education beyond the high school.

### TEACHER SALARIES

On Tuesday evening, November 26, 1946, a committee of teachers, representing the teachers of Merrimac, appeared before the Merrimac school committee with a petition that all teachers had signed. The petition requested beginning January 1, 1947, a submitted salary schedule which was presented as a low average for Massachusetts towns of Merrimac's size. The schedule had been compiled from data obtained from the research department of the Massachusetts Federation of Teachers. In Merrimac, as in many towns, the recent inflation had destroyed the salary schedule for teachers because prevailing salaries in the open market had made it necessary to pay as much or even more for beginning or inexperienced teachers as Merrimac teachers were getting after years of successful experience. The Merrimac school committee after studying the petition, voted, with some reservations, to place on its 1947 budget for the annual town meeting an amount which should enable it to sustain the essential salary features of the petition in question. In other similar towns, near and far, school committees have likewise voted to submit similar salary budgets, or higher ones, for the annual 1947 town meetings.

## PROSPECTIVE REIMBURSEMENT ADJUSTMENTS

Real estate tax in Massachusetts has had to bear too heavy a share of the necessary increased cost of public education because Chapter 70 and the other statutes pertaining to state aid and reimbursements have remained static while the value of the dollar has been decreasing. Both state and federal government in 1946 recognized the need of help to public education; both started to plan for this help. On September 16, at Room 36, State House, Boston, superintendents of schools and others met the Recess Commission on Education of the Massachusetts legislature for the purpose of stating the case and of drawing up plans for presenting bills for reimbursing towns and cities under the revised and increased salary schedules for teachers and the other increased costs of education to the municipalities. No member of the Commission or of the audience dissented on the question of the need; the discussion centered around the question of what formula should be used. In Washington, in July, Senators Thomas of Utah, Hill of Alabama, and Taft of Ohio were working on Senate Bill 181 for substantial federal aid to education. Details of the proposals for aid were presented to superintendents by United States Commissioner John W. Studebaker at the Harvard Conference at Cambridge, Massachusetts, during the week of July 22, 1946. Dr. Studebaker said that it was recognized nationally as well as within the states that both state and federal government must come to the aid of municipalities to the end of carrying on public education with increased, not decreased, efficiency.

## CONTINUED CONGESTION IN THE PRIMARY GRADES

In the Fall of 1946 it was necessary to find room for first and second grade classes, each of which needed two teachers. The American Legion Home, which had been used until the end of the school year in June through the kindness of the local Post, was no longer available for September. An extra room was found by moving the eighth grade from the Prospect Street building to the High School



building, then moving the sixth grade from the Centre building and placing it with the seventh in the Prospect Street building. At the Centre School building, one section of the first grade was thus placed in the lower front room (the one used in the Spring by the sixth grade) and the other section in the lower middle room (the one used in the Spring by the third grade). The third grade was placed in the lower back room (the one used in the Spring by the Centre School section of the first grade). On the upper floor at Centre School building the front room (the one used until June by the fifth grade) was taken over by the entire second grade, with the newly engaged teacher, Mrs. Mariam M. Felch, functioning cooperatively as an assistant to Mrs. Helen K. Manning who was also acting principal of the school in the absence of Mrs. Angeline C. Shaheen whose sixth grade had been moved to the Prospect Street building. The fifth grade was placed in the upper middle room (the one used in the Spring by the fourth grade) and the fourth grade was placed in the upper back room (the one used in the Spring by the second grade). Mrs. Shaheen's principalship duties were extended to include the seventh grade at the Prospect Street building where her sixth grade had been placed.

### ENROLLMENT

On the first of October the enrollment of the Merrimac public schools was 367, distributed as follows: In grades one to six 223, in grades seven and eight 71, in grades nine to twelve 77. Further distribution was: Grade I (Mrs. Whiting and Miss Shook) 49, Grade II (Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Felch) 47, Grade III (Mrs. Snow) 26, Grade IV (Miss Burns) 38, Grade V (Mrs. Journeay) 38, Grade VI (Mrs. Shaheen) 25, Grade VII (Mrs. Wolfe) 36, Grade VIII (Mr. Morrow) 35. In the High School, Grades IX 20, X 25, XI 19, XII 13, (Mr. Chase, Miss Phelan, Miss Kyros, Miss Litvack, Mr. Patchett).



## TEACHING STAFF

At the end of the Winter term Mrs. Helen R. Donaghue resigned as Principal of Prospect Street School. Mrs. Donoghue had taught in Merrimac nearly four years. During the third term and the Spring term, that is, from March 4 to the end of the school year, the eighth grade position was taken over by Mr. John D. Barr of Rye, New Hampshire. Mr. Barr had just been discharged from the military service. He is a graduate of Hyannis State Teachers College, 1939, with the Bachelor's degree, and several units of graduate credit at the University of New Hampshire. His experience was in Cape Neddick, Maine, Farmington, Connecticut, and Wareham, Massachusetts.

At the end of the school year in June Miss Sarah B. Titcomb of the third grade retired after twenty-five years in Merrimac, and Miss Sophie Gagalis of the social science department of the High School was granted a year's leave of absence. The third grade position was filled by the transfer from the first grade of Mrs. Elaine Blackden Snow, but Mrs. Snow was appointed supervisor and coordinator of the curriculum of the two sections of the first grade. One of these first-grade sections was taught by Mrs. Ethel B. Whiting and the other by the newly-appointed Miss Harriet A. Shook of Winthrop. Miss Shook is a graduate of Ohio State University, with extra courses at the University of Chicago. In the large second grade, as assistant to Mrs. Helen K. Manning who is also acting principal of Centre School, Mrs. Miriam M. Felch of Salisbury was appointed. Mrs. Felch is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State Teachers College at Keetzwon, 1936, with the B. S. degree.

For the eighth grade position at the High School building, Mr. Edward Morrow of Haverhill was appointed. Mr. Morrow had just returned from service as instructor for two years at the Army Air Base at Kingman, Arizona, with subsequent transfer to Wright Field at Dayton, Ohio. He is a graduate of Haverhill High School, 1939, of Green Mountain Junior College, 1941, and of the University of New

Hampshire, 1943, with the bachelor's degree. In Merrimac Mr. Morrow was also appointed assistant to the high school principal in athletics and physical education for the boys. In the social science department at the High School, the need of a teacher due to the year's leave of absence of Miss Sophie Gagalis was met by Mr. Howard G. Patchett, who was transferred from the Port. The Merrimacport special class was closed for the school year beginning in September because the Clinic had not come to Merrimac during the war years (due to lack of personnel),—thus there were not the ten resident mandated cases to compel Merrimac to continue during the school year 1946 to 1947. Mr. Patchett has the Master's degree in social science from Clark University.

Merrimac supervisors of music, art, and physical education in the grades remained the same throughout 1946.

The fifth-grade course in Conservation and Nature Lore, under the auspices of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, was continued this Fall by Miss Shirley B. Howard every other Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:30: On the first of December, when Miss Howard was called South to work under the Hornaday Foundation, the work was taken over by Mr. John V. Dennis who had just been released from the army service after spending two years in the Air Corps in China. Mr. Dennis received his training at the University of Wisconsin, was Park Naturalist for the Shenandoah National Park, and carried on special work with the Delta Wildlife Refuge in Louisiana.

### HIGH SCHOOL SURVEY

Due to the impacts of the war and the period of readjustment, it was decided to engage the Science Research Associates of Chicago to survey the Merrimac High School and return profile cards for each individual pupil and the class average of each of the four high school classes. Such individual pupil cards are of great help to teachers in pupil guidance. The S. R. A. chose the Iowa Tests of Edu-



cational Development and used the Norms obtained from testing many thousands of pupils in New England and the Middle Atlantic States during the Fall of 1944. The tests were administered at the Merrimac High School during the week of May 20, 1946, and were sent by express immediately for correcting and scoring. The results were received back just after the close of school in June. There was a separate card, typewritten and punched, for each pupil and for the average for each class. The punches enabled the statistical machine at Iowa to classify for determining percentiles. The results gave the standard score and the percentile for each test for each pupil and for each grade-average. The table which follows gives the grade-average percentiles, i. e., shows where each class-average stands among the same grade in the many schools, large and small, which took the same test. Ninth grades are compared only with other ninth grades, tenth grades only with other tenth grades, etc. A percentile of 50 means that 50 % of all the classes tested in that subject in that grade got a higher score and 50 % got a lower score. A percentile of 25 means that 75 % got higher and 25 % got lower. A percentile of 90 means that 10 % of the class-averages were higher and 90 % lower. And so forth.

### PERCENTILES

#### Iowa Tests of Educational Development

#### Merrimac High School

May 20, 21, 22, 23, 1946

Test No. .. .. .	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9th Grade .. .. .	58	53	80	23	85	36	96½	98¼	35
10th Grade .. .. .	55	8	80	7½	76	7½	91	85½	61
11th Grade .. .. .	75	35	40	37	86	65	92	98	35
12th Grade .. .. .	81	63	43½	64	95	88	93½	99	76

Herewith is the key to the test numbers:

1. Understanding of the Basic Social Concepts.
2. Background in the Natural Sciences.
3. Correctness in Writing.
4. Ability to Do Quantitative Thinking.
5. Ability to Interpret Reading Materials in the Social Sciences.



6. Ability to Interpret Reading Material in the Natural Sciences.
7. Ability to Interpret Literary Materials.
8. General Vocabulary.
9. Use of Sources of Information.

It was the stated hope of the school, before the survey that more than eighteen of the thirty-six tests should return percentiles above 50, thus placing the educational development of our boys and girls above the average. Actually twenty-four of the thirty-six tests were in the upper half, that is, above the 50 percentile (plus one just on it), and eight were better than 90, that is, among the highest ten percent. These top ratings included those of all four classes in their ability to interpret literary materials, all classes except the sophomores (whose percentile was  $85\frac{1}{2}$ ) in general vocabulary, and the seniors in their ability to interpret reading material in the social sciences. The conspicuous need (as long known) was shown to be that of laboratory facilities for biology and general science in the two first years of high school, as well as in the two preceding years. (See tests 2 and 6 in tenth and ninth grades). Laboratory general science today, is supposed to start in the first year of junior high school, that is, in the seventh grade. In one consolidated school of this district all grades of both primary and grammar schools go to the laboratory for their science periods.

It is by no means surprising that the pupils of a small high school should show above average educational development. Pupils often leave large high schools at much expense to attend small private schools where the teacher-pupil ratio is more favorable, that is, where the small classes make possible more individual attention to pupil needs. In this district the percentage of pupils over the past few years who have continued their education successfully beyond the high school is very much higher in the two towns (including Merrimac) which have their own small high schools than in the other towns which send their pupils out to neighboring larger schools.

But a school can by no means take full credit for high returns from an Iowa Survey. Dr. E. F. Lindquist, Director of University Examinations Service at the State University of Iowa, has long worked with his colleagues to perfect a type of survey-test that shall indicate significantly the educational development of a pupil that is the product of his native ability reacting with the combined environmental factors of his school, home, and community. In spite of some low scores by individual pupils, the figures indicate where the majority of our boys and girls may expect to find themselves in educational development when they meet those from other communities. The important result of the survey is of course the profile card of each pupil. This card is of real help in indicating the strong and weak points in the educational development of the boy or girl in question.

In addition to the Iowa Survey, the Merrimac High School pupils in 1946 were given natural aptitude tests. The results of these should aid further in pupil guidance.

### VISIT OF STATE SUPERVISOR OF HIGH SCHOOLS

Mr. A. Russell Mack, State Supervisor of Secondary Education, made his official periodic visit to the Merrimac High School on October 15.

Merrimac High School has continued its "A" rating, but it is essential that the teachers be held by a salary scale for a substantial length of service. The most recent state regulations pertaining to a high school of "A" rating stresses the point that the average annual percentage of teachers who return in September to continue on the staff should be high. In other words the teacher turn-over should be low if the rating is not to be lost.

The report of Mr. Mack is presented herewith:



Dr. John C. Page  
Superintendent of Schools  
West Newbury, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Page:

In previous letters following visits at Merrimac High School, I have emphasized the need for a new High School building. It is gratifying to realize that this need is now generally recognized.

Merrimac High School has no auditorium, no gymnasium, no physical education, no household arts, no manual arts, no lunchroom, no real library, and no science laboratory. The building is inadequate and obsolete. The use of a sight meter showed that in many of the rooms the natural lighting is poor, a condition which would be corrected in a modern building, and which should be improved at once, for at best a new building is several years in the future.

Almost every city and town in the Commonwealth has some school building in the planning process. Mr. Chase showed me the proposed site, and I hope that the new building at Merrimac will materialize.

The large study room has to be used as a class room, a condition which is always unsatisfactory, and especially so where there are many in the room. I see no way to eliminate this condition, but it presents another argument for a new building.

I trust that more can be done in the use of Aviation Education, in correlating it with already existing subject fields. I also hope that a recording machine can be purchased making possible the use of transcriptions of radio programs.

Principal Chase and his teachers are doing their best under the conditions. As you know I met each teacher and visited a number of classes. The general atmosphere was



very good; each teacher was alert and conscientious, and there was a proper proportion of pupil activity.

Sincerely yours,

A. RUSSELL MACK

Supervisor of Secondary Education

### NEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL BUILDING

At the regular town meeting on March 4 Merrimac took the first steps towards building a new consolidated school by voting to accept a gift of land, to set aside funds from the sale of war bonds, and to authorize the Selectmen to petition for legislation to permit borrowing additional funds. At a special meeting on Friday evening, November 29, Merrimac voters took the next steps by voting favorably on two articles designed to carry the project forward. Much publicity was given to this project by the Town Civic Club.

### GRADUATIONS

On Wednesday evening, June 19, at Sargent Hall, a class of 26 pupils, consisting of 17 boys and 9 girls, graduated from the eighth grade. The honor pupils were Yvonne Ayer, William Andrews, Jr., Charlotte Black, Jean Ogden, John Prue, and Kenneth Varney. The diplomas were presented by Dr. Philip C. Means. The class gift, a set of books, the "Air Age Education" series, was presented by Frances Swan and accepted by Earle Brooks. A feature of the graduation was the School Song. "Merrimac Junior High", written by the English class under the direction of Mrs. Cornelia E. Wolfe. The music throughout was excellent, as usual, under the direction of Mrs. Doris C. Currier. The number of graduates, 26, was exactly the same as in the three preceding years. The graduation date had been postponed from the preceding evening on account of primaries held in Sargent Hall.

On Thursday evening, June 20, at Sargent Hall, a class of 19 pupils, consisting of 7 boys and 12 girls, graduated from the Merrimac High School. The valedictory

was by Velma Collins, who also received the Washington and Franklin Medal and other awards. The salutatory was by Muriel Lockwood. Diplomas were presented by Mr. Howard L. DeLong. High school honors and other data will be found in the principal's report.

### GENERAL SCHOOL NOTES

On February 28 a state building inspector came to look over Merrimac's old school buildings.

On Thursday morning, March 14, Miss Ethel M. Moore, Educational Manager of the Homemaking Department of the Essex County School spoke to the pupils of the Prospect Street and High Schools of the work offered at Hathorne.

In the Spring four Merrimac veterans were enrolled in the Regional High School at Haverhill.

On May 14 the annual standardized achievement tests were given in the various subjects in all grades of Prospect and Centre Schools above grade one.

The annual Clinic under Chapter 71, Section 46, which lapsed during the war owing to lack of personnel is to return during the present school year. If ten or more should be found to be mandated, a special class at the Port or elsewhere would be required for September, 1947. Dr. D. M. Sidwell, Director of the Clinic, addressed the teachers on September 4.

1946 reports of the new Massachusetts Vision Tests given by Mrs. Helen R. Donaghue under the direction of Mrs. Hedwig M. Sorli, Public Health Worker, as well as of the Audiometer Tests given by Mrs. Mary I. Gove, will be found under the report of Mrs. Ramona H. Hewson, Merrimac School Nurse. Both of these tests used materials loaned to the district by the State Department of Health.

Throughout 1946, Type "C" National School Lunch Milk Program was continued under the auspices of the



United States Department of Agriculture, that is, papers were again filed and the program renewed in the Fall for Center, Prospect and High. At the low subsidized price it is necessary that milk be ordered for the pupil by the week, lest the dealer be the loser.

At the end of August Dr. Philip C. Means resigned from the school committee to return to California. Mr. Willard T. Kelly was appointed.

Mr. Charles D. Potter, janitor at the High and Centre Schools for many years, suffered an auto accident about the middle of September. Towards the end of 1946 his work was taken over by Mr. Dana A. Brewster of Haverhill. In January, 1947, Mr. Russell G. Bowser will take over as janitor at High and Centre Schools.

During Fire Prevention Week in early October, Chief Louis B. Davis of the Merrimac Fire Department responded to invitation to witness fire drills and make suggestions for reducing fire hazards. The time of building clearance at Centre School was 115 seconds.

In the Fall, religious education continued under the conditions of Chapter 423 of the Acts of 1941. Pupils whose parents requested it in writing were excused from school one hour on Monday mornings for religious instruction. The group under Mr. Fred E. Bragdon (Teachers: Mrs. L. F. Powers in grades four to six and the Reverend Arthur A. Wallace in grade seven) had a Fall enrollment of 65.

During 1946 there were many post-war readjustments, many returns to peace-time normal, and there were the usual holiday, patriotic and other special events, socials, and activities within and without the school buildings. In the High School the Victor 16 mm sound motion picture machine (bought by pupil-raised funds and further helped to reel-service through funds from the Essex County Health Association) is showing many features of genuine educational and vocational guidance value to the pupils. For ath-



letics two field baskets, placed in cement on the school grounds by the boys, were bought from funds of the Athletic Association, i. e., mostly from admissions to games. The field baskets cost \$36.00 apiece. Other purchases included twelve new uniforms for boys, material for twelve basketball uniforms for girls, and funds for senior class trip to New York. The high school principals report will tell further of high school activities. In the commercial department, the name of Maryjane Paul deserves honorable mention for work in typewriting and office training. At the Prospect Street School in the Spring Mr. Larr held on Tuesday evening, April 16, an open house which was attended by about fifty parents. On April 23 the teacher shortage manifested itself when Mrs. Wolfe was ill and no substitute was available. In the Fall the seventh-eighth grade organization was split in two by the moving of the eighth grade to the High School building, but the organization for specialization was carried on by Mrs. Shaheen and Mrs. Wolfe. The number of bicycle racks at Prospect Street was inadequate for the number of pupils who rode to school. A new teachers desk is also needed. At the Centre School the large second grade has only one classroom, but Mrs. Felch is a very helpful assistant to Mrs. Manning, who is also acting principal of the building. The lunch-time problem at Centre School is sometimes acute; a school lunch room is needed that could serve "Type A" hot luncheons. The teachers deserve commendation for the cheerful way that they cope with inadequate facilities.

### TRANSPORTATION

On the first of October, 143 of the 371 Merrimac public school pupils (38.5%) were transported regularly by the Massachusetts Northeastern Transportation Company. This included 25 of the 77 high school pupils, 30 of the 71 pupils in the seventh and eighth grades, and 88 of the 223 pupils in the first six grades. From Birchmeadow there were 31, from Bear Hill and Lake Attitash 59, and from the Port 53.

## VOCATIONAL

In the Fall of 1946 a record number of ten Merrimac boys registered for vocational education at the Charles W. Arnold Trade School in Haverhill. Six were in the general vocational course, three in the upholstery course, and one in the electrical course.

In the Essex County school at Hathorne there were two boys (including a veteran) and one girl.

Earlier in the year one man registered for the course in making at the Lynn Independent Industrial Shoemaking School.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

Dr. John C. Page, Superintendent of Schools, and Members of the School Committee.

My report is herewith submitted dating from January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946.

Number of School visits .....	122
Number of Home visits .....	63
Number of Pupils examined by Dr. Davis (annual physical examination) nurse assisting .....	377

The Vision test was very efficiently given by Mrs. Helen Donoghue. The Massachusetts Vision Testing equipment was used, which tests for near sightedness, far sightedness and also muscle balance.

Number tested .....	355
Number with Defective vision (Parents notified) ....	70

Through the courtesy of Mrs. Mary I. Gove of Newbury the Audiometer Hearing test was given to all pupils above the second grade.

Number tested .....	296
Number retested .....	142
Number with defective hearing (parents notified) ....	45

On March 28th, April 18th and May 9th the Toxoid Clinics were held at Centre School, under the direction of Dr. Davis, to immunize children against Diphtheria.

Number of Pre-School Children immunized .....	12
Number of School Children immunized .....	25

The Pre-School Clinic was held May 16th at Centre School under the direction of Dr. Davis.

Number attending .....	29
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Respectfully submitted,

RAMONA H. HEWSON, R. N.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC

From January 1, 1946 to the end of the school term ending June 12, 1946 the school dental clinic was functioning under the direction of Dr. R. B. Larkin of Haverhill, during which time the following work was done:—

Cleanings .....	51
Silver fillings .....	252
Treatments .....	30
Porcelain fillings .....	51
Extractions .....	59

There were 51 dental certificates given to pupils that had their work done and completed at the clinic.

Since October 1, 1946, the dental clinic has been under the direction of our local dentist, Dr. J. A. Hawes, and from October 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946 the following work has been done:—

Examinations .....	205
Cleanings .....	23
Silver fillings .....	162
Cement fillings .....	6
Porcelain fillings .....	14
Extractions .....	33

There have been 31 dental certificates given to pupils



having their work done and completed during this period at the clinic.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA T. ANDERSON,  
Dental Assistant

### REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF ART

Dr. John C. Page,  
Superintendent of Schools,

Dear Dr. Page:

As a result of the Art Course I've planned for the students in the Merrimac Schools, it is hoped that each child will finally come to enjoy expressing himself graphically, and will learn to apply his knowledge of Art to everyday life.

Design and Color as found in Nature, is studied and applied to their work. By studying the principles of Design and Color, he may develop a growing appreciation for the beauty found in nature, and will recognize the principles of Design in all that is beautiful.

Perspective, proportions, rhythm and character are studied as the child draws animals, action figures, and objects of all kinds, that the child may add to his Art vocabulary, more perfect forms.

Much of their Art work is correlated with the holidays.

In the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades attractive book jackets, silhouettes, montages, and party hats have been designed. Grades one, two, three and four have displayed much imagination in their illustrations and designs.

Panoramas have been constructed with much enthusiasm. They have learned to draw simple objects by using the basic shapes.

At the High School the students in the Craft Course have made copper dishes, stencils, tin candle holders, belts and block print Christmas cards. The Mechanical Drawing students have completed papers on the "Use of Instruments", "Lettering", and "Projections". The "Freehand Drawing" students have used pastels, charcoal, and water-colors on their student poses and illustrations.

Sincerely yours,

EFFIE KNAPP

#### REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Merrimac Physical Education Program is being conducted in the same manner as last year.

The type of activity taught varies with the seasons. The program is based on the Fall, Winter and Spring season.

Last Spring a baseball team was organized comprised of fifth and sixth grade boys. Games were played with West Newbury.

In March the Junior High Girls played basketball against the West Newbury Girls. The game was played in West Newbury.

The Junior High School boys played baseball with the Salisbury boys.

In April the children of the Centre School presented a program of music and dancing at the meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association. The background for the entertainment was "The Toy Shop".

The children of grade one represented various types of dolls and toys.

The second grade did an Indian Dance.

The children of the third grade sang a Dutch Song and did a Dutch Dance.

The fourth grade danced a minuet.

Dr. John C. Page, Superintendent of Schools, and Members of the School Committee:

The girls of grade six did a maypole waltz with the fifth grade girls assisting in the background.

This year a Sports Day will be held in May.

MARY E. WALKER

### REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

On October 1, 1946, there were 77 pupils enrolled in the high school, 26 boys and 51 girls. Also in the high school building were 35 members of the eighth grade, 16 boys and 19 girls.

Because of crowded conditions in the lower grades it became necessary to transfer the eighth grade to the high school building this fall. The change was made quite smoothly; and since the high school enrollment this year was smaller than it usually has been, the only crowding came in forcing several classes to be held in the study hall. That is not desirable, but under the conditions it was unavoidable. When the larger classes that are expected arrive at the high school it is difficult to see how the eighth grade can continue to be housed in the high school building. The eighth grade continues to be administered in so far as possible as a separate unit, but the high school offers them several advantages: notably in the use of physical education equipment and the use of the high school moving picture projector.

At the close of the school year in June, 1946, the projector fund was finally converted into a new machine, which has already had considerable use. In this period of rising costs it was fortunate that the decision to purchase then was made, for at the writing of this report the cost has risen nearly twenty-five percent over our purchase price. The high school is also grateful to the Essex County



Health Association for a membership account with the Boston University School of Education, Division of Visual Aid, by which many educational programs for use on the projector have been made available.

An advantage to the high school brought with the eighth grade reorganization was the acquisition of a very capable coach for the boy's athletics, Mr. Edward Morrow. Enthusiasm for good healthy sport has noticeably increased since he joined the faculty. Miss Isabelle M. Phelan continues her capable coaching of the girl's teams.

On December 11, 1946, the annual senior class play was presented at the Grange Hall. Miss Dorothy Kyros directed the play, "Aunt Bessie Beats the Band," which was both a dramatic and a financial success.

Two old customs have been revived this year. One is "Stunt Night" which offers the students an opportunity to exercise their histrionic ability in original acts of Vaudeville. The other is financially assisted by the first and is the trip of the Senior Class, last year to New York. The trip was taken during the April recess; was chaperoned by the class advisor, Miss Phelan, and the principal, Mr. Isaiah Chase; and was of value from the standpoint both of education and of entertainment.

A reorganization of teaching assignments was affected this year. The purpose was twofold—to equalize the pupil load and to offer variety to the English course. It is contrary to the best educational practices to have any pupil follow a course in English for four years with the same teacher. In a small school that is often unavoidable. But Merrimac High is fortunate today in having three teachers whose background enables them to conduct courses in English as well as in other fields, namely: Miss Isabelle M. Phelan, Mr. Howard G. Patchett, and Mr. Isaiah Chase. With this peculiar opportunity it was believed advisable to divide the English assignments.

A minor change has been made in the schedule of

class periods. It is believed that better teaching and learning can be done in a somewhat longer class period. Therefore each regular class now meets four times per week instead of five, but the total number of minutes devoted to each class is slightly larger. A mechanical device to signal the change of classes could be put to effective use.

Effective with the present freshman class (ninth grade) students will no longer follow a specialized course to secure a diploma marked, "Commercial Course", "General Course," "Scientific Course", or "College Course." Instead they will all follow certain prescribed courses and choose their electives in any desired field. This will in no way handicap them in preparation for any specific field of endeavor, but will assure that they have a good general background.

There were eighteen graduating members of the class of 1946. At the writing of this report six were known to be attending higher institutions of learning. This constitutes 33 1-3 percent, which is high for the average public school. The class parts were awarded as follows.

Valedictory .....	Velma Collins
Salutatory .....	Muriel Lockwood
Class History .....	Donald Saulnier
Class Will .....	Robina Wallace
Class Prophecy .....	Muriel Merrill
Class Gifts .....	Edward Cell
Class Poem .....	Willard Davis

Respectful y submitted,

ISAIAH CHASE, Principal.

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES of 1946

Edward Cell, Velma Collins, Willard P. Davis, George Eaton, H. Merrill Emery, Dorothy Franklin, Alyce Frost, Arlene Henry, Lorna Jacques, Emelyn Joudrey, Muriel Lockwood, Yvonne Metcalf, Betty Ann Piper, Everett Ry-



erson, Donald Saulnier, Phyllis Scherbon, Nellie Stewart, Clayton K. Turner, Jr. and Robina Elaine Wallace.

### HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 1945-46

#### High Honor

Velma Collins, Virginia Gleed, Helen Rines, Donald Saulnier, William Whiting and Violet Yurkovich.

#### Honor

Joan Bovard, Willard Davis, Merrill Emery, Priscilla Emery, Judith Flynn, Sheila Flynn, Thelma Gamore, Nancy Hanson, Muriel Lockwood, Vivian Mader, Onni Mustonen, Evelyn Nicol, JoAnn O'Brien, Manford Palmer, Maryjane Paul, Julia Romeo, James Swenson, Robina Wallace and Sally Wilde.

### HIGH SCHOOL BOYS WHO WON LETTERS IN SPORTS:

#### Basketball

Edward C. Cell, Willard Davis, H. Merrill Emery, James Flynn, Onni Mustonen, Everett Ryerson, Donald Saulnier, William Whiting and William Scherbon, Mgr.

#### Baseball

Edward C. Cell, Willard Davis, H. Merrill Emery, John Glennie, Onni Mustonen, Everett Ryerson, Don Robinson, Donald Saulnier, Robert Whitcomb, William Whiting and James Swenson, Mgr.

#### Soccer

William Andrews, Hulbert Beardsley, George Buzzell, Philip Davis, Kenneth Floyd, James Flynn, John Glennie, Daniel Gulezian, Onni Mustonen, John Prue, Don Robinson, James Swenson, William Scherbon and Robert Whitcomb.

### HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WHO RECEIVED A LETTER IN SPORTS

#### Basketball

Priscilla Emery, Judith Flynn, Dorothy Franklin,



Helene Gilman, Barbara Greeley, Virginia Gleed, Thelma Gilmore, Nancy Hanson, Lorna Jacques, Muriel Lockwood, Yarmilla Yurkovich, Sally Wilde, Phyllis Scherbon, Velma Collins, Mgr. and Nellie Stewart, Mgr.

### Softball

Beverley Chase, Priscilla Emery, Judith Flynn, Dorothy Franklin, Virginia Gleed, Thelma Gilmore, Nancy Hanson, JoAnn O'Brien, Maryjane Paul, Violet Yurkovich, Yarmilla Yurkovich and Evelyn Nicol, Mgr.

### HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS

Eva Bacon, Dorothy Jerome, Helen Rines

### GRADUATES OF GRADE EIGHT, 1946

\*Yvonne Ninette Ayer, \*William L. Andrews, Jr., Vaughn Betty, \*Charlotte Eileen Black, Earlene Mae Brady, Donald Croft Cell, Frances Etta Clark, Clara Shirley Craig, James Donald Connor, Philip N. Davis, Daniel S. Gulezian, Frank Dewy Greene, Gloria Margery Hall, Robert Philip Hurley, Donald S. Kimball, Carl A. Kneeland, Jr., Eugene Emilie Lambert, Jacqueline Malmquist, Edwin Barry Noone, Russell Edwin O'Brien, \*Jean Marilyn Ogden, Russell Merritt Poor, \*John Alden Prue, Charles Augustus Smith, \*Frances Jean Swan, Kenneth Arnold Varney.

\*Honor pupils.

### INDUSTRIAL ARTS GRADUATES, 1946

Lloyd Francis Bunker, Roland Clark Poor, Lucille Zinck.

### ATTENDANCE HONOR ROLL

PROSPECT STREET SCHOOL: John Beauvais, Arthur Franklin, \*\*Maryjane Paul, Ann Ross.

HIGH SCHOOL: Floyd Corson, Judith Flynn, Dorothy

Bisson, \*\*\*\*\*Charles Bisson, \*\*\*William Franklin,  
Charles Smith.

#### CENTRE SCHOOL:

Grade 6—Merrill Ross.

Grade 5—Ruth Lord.

Grade 4—none.

Grade 3—none.

Grade 2—none.

Grade 1—none.

MERRIMACPORT SCHOOL: none.

\*\* Not absent for 2 years, September, 1944 to June, 1946.

\*\*\*\*\* Not absent for 5 years, September, 1941 to June, 1946.

\*\*\* Not absent for 3 years, September, 1943 to June, 1946.

#### 1946 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Regular school appropriation	\$ 36,650.00
Refunded dog tax	239.09
Transferred	800.00
Returned check	1.62
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Total available for schools	\$ 37,690.71
Total expenditures	37,680.23
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Balance	\$ 10.48

#### Reimbursements:

Supt. Schools	\$ 483.33
Gen. School Fund, Part I	3,605.00
Gen. School Fund, Part II	3,356.99
Tuition and Transp. State Wards ('45)	653.43
Tuition and Transp. State Wards ('46)	529.17
Tuition local high school	80.00
All other	4.50
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	\$ 8,712.42

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Total expenditures	\$ 37,680.23
Total reimbursements	8,712.42
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Total from taxation in 1946	\$ 28,967.81

## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES, 1946

## General Control

School committee expenses	\$ 24.85	
Supt. Schools' salary	1,000.00	
Secretary's salary	362.50	
Travel and office costs	217.88	
Law enforcement	254.07	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,859.30

## Cost of Instruction

Regular teachers and substitutes	23,444.84	
Drawing, music, physical ed. and nature study teachers	1,477.46	
Text books	480.58	
Supplies	1,046.76	
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## Cost of Operation

Janitors' salaries	2,163.90	
Fuel	2,318.17	
Jan. supplies, cleaning, etc.	187.12	
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Maintenance	1,007.49
H. S. Athletics	213.17
Libraries	60.25
Health	643.22
Transportation	2,522.50
Equipment	173.25
Miscellaneous	82.22
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Total	\$ 37,680.23
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## 1947 FINANCIAL ESTIMATES

## General Control

School committee expenses	\$	25.00	
Supt. Schools' salary		1,000.00	
Secretary's salary		375.00	
Travel and office costs		225.00	
Law enforcement		415.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 2,040.00

## Cost of Instruction

Regular teachers and subs.	31,650.00	
Drawing, music, physical education and nature study teachers	1,520.00	
Text books	700.00	
Supplies	1,200.00	
	<hr/>	35,070.00

## Cost of Operation

Janitors' salaries	2,036.00	
Fuel	2,500.00	
Jan. supplies, cleaning, etc.	300.00	
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Maintenance	900.00
H. S. Athletics	200.00
Libraries	100.00
Health	650.00
Transportation	2,522.50
Equipment	150.00
Miscellaneous	31.50
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	\$ 46,500.00

## Estimated reimbursements:

Supt. Schools	\$	483.33
Gen. School Fund, Part I		3,525.00
Gen. School Fund, Part II		3,537.08
Tuition local H. S. 1946		60.00

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Tuition local H. S. 1947	200.00
Returned check	43.08

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\$ 7,848.49

Estimated expenditures in 1947	\$ 46,500.00
Estimated reimbursements in 1947	7,848.49

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Estimated total from taxation in 1947	\$ 38,651.51
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